

**EAST PITTSBURGH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 19, 2022**

The April 19, 2022 meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 7:01p.m.

Ms. Hartford took the roll:

Present:	Absent: none
Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President	
Jonathan Reyes, Council Vice-President	
Earnest Frazier, Council Member	
Chad Nicholson, Council Member (via video conference)	
Mark Petri, Council Member	

Other:	Absent:
Markus Adams, Mayor	David Miller, Code Enforcement
Seth Abrams, Borough Manager	
Nick Evashavik, Solicitor (via video conference)	
Dave Gilliland, Engineer	
Denise Hartford, Secretary	

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Abrams requested a motion to add two additional items to the voting agenda:

1. A Motion to approve the concurring resolution to apply for funds through the Allegheny County Act 152 grant
2. A motion to approve the Slums and Blight resolution for the structure at 506 Bessemer Ave, as a part of the County Act 152 application.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Delthene Herbert, 429 Howard St. Ms. Herbert voiced concerns about abandoned cars in the vacant lot (borough owned) on the corner of Main St. and Isabella Alley, next door to 811 Main St. Concerns were also voiced about drug use taking place in the lot. Ms. Herbert noted concerns with trash at the home next door (427 Howard) that date back to 2020 and that residents place their trash out earlier than allowed. Ms. Herbert's final concern was that there are commercial trucks parking on the street and knocking down lines. The types of lines knocked down and when was not specified. Ms. Herbert submitted pictures and copies of some emails. Council discussed the possibility of prohibiting all parking on the vacant lot.

Council engaged in further discussion regarding trash and overall violations in the Borough. Frustration was voiced that the Magistrate will not hold hearings for defendants who do not respond and has a string history of "not-guilty" findings if the code violation is resolved prior to the hearing. Mr. Evashavik recommended that Council send a letter to the Magistrate and request a meeting to explain the negative consequences to the Borough based on his rulings.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Petri made a motion to accept the March 15, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Reyes. Motion carried.

Mr. Petri made a motion to accept the April 12, 2022 agenda meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Reyes. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS**

Mr. Reyes made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$129,364.47. Seconded by Mr. Petri. Motion carried.

**ENGINEERS REPORT**

Mr. Gilliland's report is on file.

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

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

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

**PUBLIC WORKS** – No report this month

**SOLICITOR REPORT** – No report this month

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – No report this month

**MANAGER'S REPORT** – The report is on file.

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

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

Approve the appointment of Deputy Tax Collector's: Vernetta Geric and Lynn Heverly  
Motion: Mr. Frazier 2nd: None

\*Manager confirmed that Council approval is not required, and the request was approved as required under Act 48.

Approve filing a distraint order against 552 Howard St. tenant for back taxes  
Motion: Mr. Frazier 2nd: Mr. Reyes. Motion carried

Approve to begin proceedings to file for Sheriff Sale for 604 Sunnyside.  
Motion: Mr. Reyes 2nd: Mr. Petri. Motion carried

Approve the Resolution to authorize the execution of the Transfer Agreement and other related documents and agreements with ALCOSAN and the transfer of certain sewer assets

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

Approve a donation to the TCVCOG in the amount of \$200.00.

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

Approve the Concurring Resolution requesting Act 152 demolition funding in the amount of \$203,000 for the demolition of the structure at 506 Bessemer Ave.

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

Approve the Slums & Blight Resolution for 506 Bessemer Ave.

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

#### **DISCUSSION-**

There was discussion and commitment to hand deliver flyers for cleanup day during the first week of May.

Mr. Frazier announced that he is resigning from Borough Council effective April 28, 2022 due to his moving out of the municipality. He stated commitment to continued work with the youth basketball clinic.

Ms. Kennedy thanked Mr. Frazier for his service and wished him well in his new home.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Reyes at 8:40 pm. Seconded by Mr. Petri. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Abrams  
Borough Manager