

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

The March 15, 2022 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
Jonathan Reyes, Council Vice-President (7:07 pm)
Earnest Frazier, Council Member
Chad Nicholson, Council Member
Mark Petri, Council Member

Absent: none

Other:

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

Absent: none

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES

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

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

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Mr. Frazier made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$201,565.51. 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. Nicholson seconded. Motion carried.

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

Ms. Kennedy asked about progress on cleaning up the areas of 535 and 537 Howard. Mr. Miller has issued IPMC letters and will proceed with citations.

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 – Met on 3/14/2022 to hear a variance request to open a home daycare at 405 Bessemer Ave. The ZHB approved the variance.

MAYOR’S REPORT – No report this month

MANAGER’S REPORT – The report is on file. Mr. Abrams made a recommendation that Council and the Mayor approve a “Community Clean-up Day” on May 14, 2022. This coincides with the annual flower planting that occurs on Braddock Ave.

Council agreed to this date. Mr. Abrams will begin making preparations.

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 purchase of a Ford F-150 XL from COSTARS vendor Woltz & Wind Ford in the amount of \$41,070

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

DISCUSSION-

Mr. Petri attended a meeting held by members of the Forest Hills and Churchill Councils to discuss concerns with the WHSD. The meeting was held on March 3, 2022. Mr. Petri did not report any real progress in addressing concerns about the perception of the school district. There are concerns that Dr. Castagna may be hired on a permanent basis.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion by Mr. Frazier. Second By Mr. Reyes at 7:51 pm.

Mr. Frazier moved to adjourn the executive session at 8:02 pm. Motion was seconded by Mr. Petri. Motion carried.

REOPEN THE MEETING

Motion to reopen meeting by Mr. Reyes and seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Reyes to appoint Lori Frunceck, former police chief of East Pittsburgh to be deposed and speak on behalf of the Borough for a lawsuit brought forth against the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Reyes at 8:04 pm. Seconded by Mr. Nicholson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager