

# **EAST PITTSBURGH AGENDA MEETING**

**June 14, 2022**

The June 14, 2022 agenda meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mary Carol Kennedy.

Ms. Hartford took the roll:

Present:

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President

Jonathan Reyes, Council Vice President

Chad Nicholson, Council Member

Mark Petri, Council Member

Other:

Markus Adams, Mayor

Denise Hartford, Borough Secretary

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from the May 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed without correction.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Manager's Report is on file and in the Council packet.

A meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022 at 1:00 with Grass Roots.

## **Council Discussion**

Ms. Kennedy requested that the borough secretary send a thank you note to Whitney Construction for their generosity in providing lunch for the helpers on Clean Up Day. It was greatly appreciated. Also, Ms. Kennedy compiled a letter to be sent to the landlords concerning their property. The secretary will take care of mailing them.

There have been some issues with older kids hanging out at the playground and causing destruction.

Nikollette Williams who lives across from the playground has agreed to lock the playground at night around 7:30. If the older kids are there, she was told not to engage with them. Her safety comes first. Dennis Ham and his daughter spoke to these kids and hopefully they will agree to improving their behavior. A sign was posted stating park would be open from dusk til dawn. This may change in the winter months. Also, the park is going to be sprayed for ticks.

There were no questions on the budget. Ms. Kennedy wanted to know if delinquencies were still being tracked. Secretary told her that they were.

Still having issues at parking lot at Main St. and Isabella Alley with cars parking there, kids smoking pot, trash everywhere. It has become a local hangout. Parking needs to be prohibited there.

Mayor Adams said that kids are hanging out by the Quarry also. The street light is out and it is pretty dark there. The secretary will notify Duquesne Light.

Kids have been hanging out in abandon houses in the alley between Center and Franklin and in garages with no doors. Something needs to be done about this.


Council discussed having a Community Day. Michelle Moses at Sherry's Market, Dennis Ham and his family, Nate at This Generation Connects, and Quazie's Barber Shop were mentioned to contact to see if they would be interested in helping.

A Peace Walk through several towns in the area will take place on Saturday, June 25, 2022. It will begin at 9:00 am at CVS in Swissvale. If you can make it, please attend. The secretary will email Jessica at Summer Lee's office to inform them.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM by Mr. Petri. Seconded by Mr. Reyes.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Denise Hartford  
Borough Secretary

**EAST PITTSBURGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
June 21, 2022**

The June 21,2022 meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 7:10p.m.

Ms. Hartford took the roll:

**Present:**

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

**Absent: none**

**Other:**

Markus Adams, Mayor  
Nick Evashavik, Solicitor  
Dave Gilliland, Engineer  
Denise Hartford, Secretary  
Dakoma Thomas, Glenn Engineering Staff Member

**Absent:**

David Miller, Code Enforcement

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Reyes made a motion to accept the May 10,2022 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Petri. Motion carried.

The June 14,2022 agenda meeting minutes will be available at next meeting.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS**

Mr. Reyes made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$119,787.28. Seconded by Mr.Petri. Motion carried.

**ENGINEERS REPORT**

Mr. Gilliland introduced Dakoma Thomas, the newest member to the staff at Glenn Engineering. Dakoma will be attending future meetings.

Mr. Gilliland's report is on file.

Council discussed blocking off the lot at the corner of Main and Isabella Alley because of various issues discussed at agenda meeting. Mr. Gilliland will call the county to see about getting barriers from them.

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.

Ms. Kennedy asked the secretary to let Mr. Miller know about the vegetation at the convent and the three houses next to it. It really needs addressed.

Letters have been sent to homeowner's that we could notify about dumpster permits.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS** – No report this month

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

The Title Search for 604 Sunnyside Ave. came in. It could take up to a year to hear anything.

Mr. Nicholson wanted to know the outcome of the request to put the sign up on Route 30. Mr. Evashavik informed him that there was no title for the property and the borough didn't own it.

Mr. Reyes made the motion to accept the Solicitor's report. Seconded by Mr. Petri. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Adams stated that he and Mr. Reyes attended the U S Steel Meeting. Upgrades are being made for cleaner air. The Clean Air Fund has \$11million from fines and 5% is allocated for Allegheny County. Mr. Adams is trying to obtain more information on this. He also stated that there is a push for Allegheny County to receive nearly 50%. We will reach out to Michelle Naccarati,,County Council Rep., to obtain more information concerning this.

Mr. Reyes made a motion to accept the Mayor's report. Seconded by Mr. Petri. Motion Carried

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

Trax Playground-

Nikolette Williams is locking the playground at 7:30. Ms. Kennedy will send her a letter stating that under any circumstances is she to engage with the older kids hanging out there. Her safety comes first.

Ms. Kennedy wanted to make sure that council signs the paper for the Gun Violence Organization in W. PA.

Ms. Kennedy informed council that a Port a John from Approved Toilet Rental will be placed at the Quarry Field on Friday, June 25, 2022.

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

Motion to ratify the acceptance of the resignation of the Borough Manager, Seth Abrams effective June 1, 2022, was made by Mr. Reyes Seconded by Mr. Petri Motion Carried

Motion to ratify the hiring of Seth Abrams as a temporary part-time manager at a rate of \$31.29 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week without prior approval by the Council President was made by Mr. Petri. Seconded by Mr. Reyes Motion Carried

Motion to prohibit parking on the Borough owned lot at Main St. and Isabella Alley, L/B 375-K-301 was made by Mr. Petri. Seconded by Mr. Nicholson Motion Carried

Motion to approve public auction bid for the 2000 Ford F-150 through Municibid in the amount of \$510 by Robert Rosato was made by Mr. Reyes. Seconded by Mr. Nicholson Motion Carried

Motion to approve the Tri-COG Landbank's disposition of 609 Sunnyside Ave. and 113 Center St. to a non-profit for rehabilitation and resale to an income eligible owner was made by Mr. Reyes. Seconded by Mr. Petri Motion Carried

Motion to approve a resolution requesting DCED Multi-modal grant in the amount of \$745,073, and authorizing Seth Abrams and/or Mary Carol Kennedy to execute all related documents was made by Mr. Petri Seconded by Mr. Reyes Motion Carried

Motion to appoint a new person to the Council seat vacated by Earnest Frazier for the remainder of the elected term was tabled until next meeting. Solicitor will check into this matter.

### **DISCUSSION-**

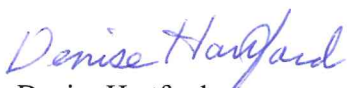
Mark Petri attended a zoom meeting for the Center for Community Progress/Grounded Pittsburgh Creative Placemaking. There is a \$14,000 grant available for an art project and nominations are being taken at the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA Grants) for a nominated Tri-COG Land Bank property. The next meeting is July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-7:30.

### **ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 by Mr. Petri Seconded by Mr. Reyes Motion Carried

Council went into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Hartford,  
Borough Secretary

**EAST PITTSBURGH AGENDA MEETING**  
**July 12, 2022**

The July 12,2022 agenda setting meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order at 6:02 pm by Mary Carol Kennedy.

Ms. Hartford took the roll:

**Present:**

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President

Chad Nicholson, Council Member

Mark Petri, Council Member

Ed Ruane, Newley appointed Council Member to be sworn in at the July 19<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**Absent:**

Jonathan Reyes, Death in Family

**Other:**

Markus Adams, Mayor

Denise Hartford, Borough Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**None**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed without correction.

Minutes from the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting have corrections to be made.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Manager's Report and communications are on file and in the Council packet.

Council discussed a complaint from the complaint log from Linda Levine of 537 Ridge Ave. She complained about kids playing in the lot next to her house making noise causing her dog to bark and she can't even sit outside. They leave her gate open, and she is afraid her dog will get out. They also leave trash everywhere. Linda spoke to the parents, but it didn't resolve anything. Mr. Petri suggested that he and Mayor Adams speak to the kids.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**PRAYER WALK**

Mayor Adams, Mr. Petri, and Mr. Reyes participated in the Prayer Walk that started in Swissvale and ended in Turtle Creek. They joined the walk at the Jehovah Witness Church on the Dooker's Hollow Bridge. They proceeded to the Next Generation Connects Center in East Pittsburgh where snacks and drinks were provided. The walk ended at the Wolvarena in Turtle Creek with prayers, snacks, and drinks. They were very appreciative that East Pittsburgh mayor and council participated in the walk.

**US STEEL MEETING**

Mayor Adams attended the meeting with US Steel. There were supporters and non-supporters at the meeting. Not everyone approves of their policies.

Mr. Nicholson stated that US Steel really hasn't given back to the community. Local officials should stay up on this and have meetings with them to build up a relationship and be more knowledgeable of their situations.

#### **REGIONAL POLICE MEETING**

Ms. Kennedy spoke of the Regional Police Meeting that is being held on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Rankin Christian Center. Other meetings will be held on the following dates:

August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Braddock History Center  
September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Rankin Borough Building  
September 28<sup>th</sup> – Time and place to be announced

Mayor and all council members are invited.

#### **FALL COMMUNITY EVENT**

The following council members will contact East Pittsburgh residents for help in planning a community event:

Ms. Kennedy- Dennis Ham & Michelle Moses  
Mr. Reyes- Lee Davis & Quazie's Barber Shop  
Mr. Nicholson- Nathaniel Carter

#### **HERITAGE TRANSPORTATION**

Council discussed having a representative from Heritage Transportation come to a council meeting to discuss having transportation for community events in the borough. People from Prospect Terrace said that they can't get to events because of transportation issues

#### **TRAP DOOR AT QUARRY**

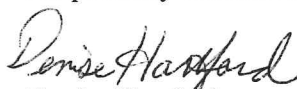
Mayor Adams wanted council to be aware of a trap door in the ground that is open in the parklet at Sunnyside and Grandview. Ms. Kennedy called our DPW Supervisor to address this matter.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:23 pm by Mr. Petri. Seconded by Mr. Nicholson

Council went into Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Hartford  
Borough Secretary



## EAST PITTSBURGH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 19, 2022

The July 19, 2022 meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Hartford took the roll:

Present:

Absent: None

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President  
Jonathan Reyes, Council Vice President (Speaker phone)  
Chad Nicholson, Council Member  
Mark Petri, Council Member  
Ed Ruane, Council Member

Other:

Absent:

Markus Adams, Mayor  
Nick Evashavik, Solicitor  
Dave Gilliland, Engineer  
Denise Hartford, Secretary  
Dakoma Thomas, Glenn Engineering Staff Member

Dave Miller, Code Enforcement,  
Training

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Adams swore in Ed Ruane as the new East Pittsburgh Council Member for the vacated seat of Earnest Frazier.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Patrick Geric stated that we are at a crossroads with police protection. Windows were shot out at Fusion 20 Restaurant on Bessemer last night. North Braddock has been responding to a lot of our calls.

The 500 block of Main Street needs repaired. Our alleys are in bad shape with garbage everywhere. DPW needs to clean alleys and take care of a tree behind 402-404 Center St.

Ingrid Still, Ministerial Staff, and Youth Group of Manna from On High

In the planning and development, Manna from On High Ministries will provide multiple



community programs in the East Pittsburgh Community focused on our youth, young adults, and seniors

Potential programs are as follows:

1. After school programs for grades K-12 include homework assistance, workshops, and outings.
2. Basketball leagues and camps – Males and Females ages 10-17
3. Senior Programming – Consists of Workshops and Outings.
4. Community Food Bank

Manna from On High staff and members plan to meet with Mayor Adams. It was suggested they also reach out to council member Jonathan Reyes at Carnegie Library, and Charles Howe at the MVI for assistance with their plans.

Tiffany Gibson & Jason Marshall

Mr. Marshall was questioning an orange tag that was on his car for parking. Our Code Enforcement Officer was not available but will address this issue.

Michelle Moses from Sherry's Market, Dennis Ham, Nathaniel Carter from The Connect Center, and Akwasi Kasi were asked to attend the meeting so that plans for a Community Day could be discussed. All said that they would be interested in helping with the planning. We will compile a list of businesses in East Pittsburgh to send information. The planning meeting was scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. All interested parties should attend.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Petri made a motion to approve the June 21, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ruane. Motion Carried

Mr. Ruane made a motion to approve the July 12, 2022 minutes with corrections. Motion was seconded by Mr. Petri. Motion Carried

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS**

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$176,518.29. Seconded by Mr. Ruane. Motion Carried.

### **ENGINEERS REPORT**

The Falls Run Interceptor Repairs should be done within a month.

Mr. Petri will call Amanda at the TCVCOG to see why our CD 48 Applications weren't approved.

Mr. Ruane made a motion to accept the engineers report. Mr. Nicholson seconded. Motion Carried

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

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to accept the fire marshal's report. Seconded by Mr. Ruane. Motion Carried.

### **PUBLIC WORKS-** None

### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Mr. Evashavik will document calls and stay after them for the Sheriff Sale of 604 Sunnyside Ave.

Mr. Petri made a motion to accept the Solicitor's report. Seconded by Mr. Ruane. Motion Carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT-** None

### **MANAGER'S REPORT-** The report is on file.

Mr. Nicholson made the motion to accept the Manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Petri. Motion Carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS -** None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Petri made the motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to advertise for sealed bids for the construction of a block wall on Sycamore St. Seconded by Mr. Ruane. Motion Carried.

### **COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS**

Trinity Lutheran Church is holding a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service on Sunday September 11, 2022 at 10 a.m. Following the service, a picnic is planned. It was suggested that Ridge Ave. in front of the church be blocked off which also includes an alley alongside the church property. Ms. Kennedy would like to have a proclamation from Senator Brewster's office to be presented.

Manna from On High is having a Clean Up Day in the borough on July 23, at 11:00. All are welcome to participate.

### **ADJOURMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 PM By Mr. Petri Seconded by Mr. Ruane.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Denise Hartford".

Denise Hartford Borough Secretary