

**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/Grouped 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 14th 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