

BOROUGH OF EAST PITTSBURGH
MINUTES FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, July 18,2023 - 7:00 PM

1. The July 18, 2023 meeting of the East Pittsburgh Council was called to order at 7:08 PM by Ms. Kennedy
2. Mr. Walker took roll call:

Present:

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

Absent:

Laura Branthoover, Borough Engineer

Other:

Markus Adams, Mayor
Nick Evashavik, Borough Solicitor
Benjamin D. Walker, Borough Manager
Denise Hartford, Borough Secretary
Russ Yocca, Borough DPW Supervisor
Dakoma Thomas, Glenn Engineering Representative

3. Pledge of Allegiance Ms. Kennedy

4. Agenda:

- a. A motion was made by Petri and seconded by Reyes to amend the agenda to move new business to item 5.

-All present were in favor.

-Motion carried.

1. New Business

- a. A motion was made by Ruane and seconded by Reyes to approve the Inter-Municipal Charter Agreement for a Regional Police Department between the Boroughs of North Braddock, Rankin, and East Pittsburgh.

-All present were in favor.

-Motion carried.

- b. A motion was made by Petri and seconded by Reyes to appoint Mayor Markus Adams, Councilman Chad Nicholson, and Councilman Ed Ruane as the Borough's representatives on the Eastern Regional Mon Valley Police Department Commission.

-All present were in favor.

-Motion carried.

- c. A motion was made by Petri and seconded by Reyes to approve the Tri-COG Land Bank's Proposed Property Disposition of the following lots in East Pittsburgh Borough:
- Glosser Street, East Pittsburgh, PA 16112 (Vacant Lot); Lot Block 375-P-281
 - Glosser Street, East Pittsburgh, PA 16112 (Vacant Lot); Lot Block 375-P-282
 - Glosser Street, East Pittsburgh, PA 16112 (Vacant Lot); Lot Block 375-P-283

-All present were in favor.

-Motion carried.

2. Meeting Minutes:

- a. Motion was made by Nicholson and seconded by Petri to approve June 13, 2023 Agenda Meeting Minutes with Chad Nicholson marked as absent with cause and to correct the adjournment motion to have Mark Petri as the second.

-All present were in favor.

-Motion carried.

- b. Motion was made by Petri and seconded by Nicholson to approve June 20, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

-All present were in favor.

-Motion carried.

3. Public Comment –

- a. **Albert:** Landlord for the property located on 532 Howard Street, Parcel No. 0375-L-00186 requested a road closure for the alley behind the subject property for a tree removal to occur due to lantern fly treatment, for which he was informed of the Borough's limited capacity to enforce traffic laws but that the Borough would work with him on the matter. He additionally complained about the Water Authority's construction work at the front of the property due to the lack of notice given. Dakoma Thomas indicated that there is no requirement for notice for this type of project, and Denise Hartford informed everyone that the Water Authority obtained the street opening permit to perform the work.
- b. **Alicia:** East Pittsburgh resident requested that the Borough look into paving Christina Alley, behind her residence due to poor conditions. She also indicated that a dangerous pothole has formed behind her property, and Russ Yocca indicated that he would investigate the matter and temporarily patch it. Mary Carol Kennedy indicated that an answer to her issue would come within the next 100 days.

4. Authorization to Pay Bills - Amounts not available currently.

Ms. Kennedy

General Fund Expenditures	\$87,506.77
Payroll Expenditures	See GF
Sewage Fund Expenditures	\$54,899.99

Liquid Fuels Expenditures	\$3,429.77
Total Expenditures	\$145,836.53

- a. A motion was made by Ruane and seconded by Reyes to approve payment of the bills.

-All present were in favor.

-Motion carried.

5. Reports

- a. Engineer's Report

Mrs. Branthoover

Motion was made by Reyes and seconded by Ruane to approve the Engineer's report:

-All present were in favor.

-Motion carried.

Dakoma Thomas read the report submitted by Laura Branthoover, Borough Engineer.

- b. Fire Marshal/Code Enforcement

Mr. Miller

No motion was made due to insufficient time for Council to review the report.

The report will be approved during the next Regular Council Meeting.

- c. Solicitor's Report

Mr. Evashavik

No report was submitted.

- d. Mayor's Report

Mr. Adams

A motion was made by Petri and seconded by Reyes to approve the mayor's report:

-All present were in favor.

-Motion carried.

The Mayor gave his report to Council.

- e. DPW Report

No report was submitted.

6. Old Business

None.

7. Committee Actions/Discussions

- The East Pittsburgh Borough Community Day event announced to occur at 6:30 PM on September 9, 2023 at the East Pittsburgh American Legion.
- Russ Yocca to investigate options to treat trees for lantern flies on properties owned by the Borough.
- An Executive Session occurred on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 to discuss Regional Police matters.

8. Adjournment:

- i. A motion was made by Petri and seconded by Nicholson to adjourn the meeting to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a draft letter for the landlords in the community at 8:12 PM.

-All present were in favor.

-Motion carried.