

BOROUGH OF EAST PITTSBURGH
MINUTES FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 - 7:00 PM

1. The May 21, 2024, meeting of the East Pittsburgh Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ms. Kennedy
2. Mr. Walker took roll call:

Present:
Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President
Chad Nicholson, Council Vice President
Ahmonique Washington, Council Member
Mark Petri, Council Member
Ed Ruane, Council Member

Absent:
Russ Yocca, Borough DPW Supervisor
Denise Hartford, Borough Secretary

Other:

Markus Adams, Mayor
Benjamin D. Walker, Borough Manager
David Miller, Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshal
Laura Branthoover, Borough Engineer
Nick Evashavik, Borough Solicitor

3. Pledge of Allegiance Ms. Kennedy

4. Announcements:
 - a. None at this time.

5. Agenda:

- a. A motion was made by Nicholson and seconded by Ruane to approve the agenda as presented.

-All present were in favor.

6. Meeting Minutes:

- a. A motion was made by Ruane and seconded by Washington to approve April 9, 2024, Agenda Meeting Minutes.

-All present were in favor.

- b. A motion was made by Petri and seconded by Nicholson to approve April 16, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes.

-All present were in favor.

7. Public Comment –

- a. **Bob from Glenn Engineering** presented the storm sewer separation project details with Council describing the lateral lines to be connected to the main lines across St. Rte. 30. This is part of the ALCOSAN Consent Decree, as Phase 2 of the project, in which the Borough is required to capture at least 85% of separated storm and sewer discharge. The project is estimated to be a \$600,000.00 project with grant funding that may completely abate all costs to the Borough. December 23, 2025, is the compliance date, and the plan is to issue an RFP in March or April of 2025.
- b. **Bob Horne:** a resident leasing a property on Franklin Street reported deplorable conditions allowed by her landlord. She is in the process of eviction and is seeking restitution from her landlord. The Borough is to investigate the property condition and validate her claims.

8. Authorization to Pay Bills -

Ms. Kennedy

General Fund Expenditures	\$46,218.55
Payroll Expenditures	\$18,443.07
Sewage Fund Expenditures	\$5,205.00
Liquid Fuels Expenditures	\$3,514.39
Total Expenditures	\$73,381.01

*A motion was made by Ruane and seconded by Petri to approve payment of the bills:
-All present were in favor.*

9. Reports

- a. Manager's Report

Mr. Walker

A motion was made by Nicholson and seconded by Washington to approve the Manager's report.

-All present were in favor.

- b. Engineer's Report

Mrs. Branthoover

Laura Branthoover read the Engineer's Report.

A motion was made by Washington and seconded by Petri to approve the Engineer's report.

-All present were in favor.

- c. Fire Marshal/Code Enforcement

Mr. Miller

A motion was made by Washington and seconded by Petri to approve the Fire Marshal's reports.

-All present were in favor.

- d. Solicitor's Report

Mr. Evashavik

No report submitted.

e. Mayor's Report

Mr. Adams

The Mayor reported a need for mirrors at Bryan Alley and Sunnyside Avenue, such as the one located at Linden Ave. and Bessemer Ave. He additionally reported on the need for trash cans for cleaning up after animals. He lastly asked about locking mechanisms for the parks in the Borough.

*A motion was made by Ruane and seconded by Nicholson to approve the Mayor's report:
-All present were in favor.*

f. DPW Report

Mr. Yocca

*A motion was made by Ruane and seconded by Petri to approve the DPW report.
-All present were in favor.*

10. Old Business

None at this time.

11. New Business

- a. A motion was made by Washington and seconded by Nicholson to ratify the change order from El Grande Industries, Inc. for the 2024 East Pittsburgh Roadway Infrastructure Improvements Project in the amount of \$14,932.50 for the addition of Bryan Alley to the project.

-All present were in favor.

- b. A motion was made by Washington and seconded by Petri to approve the request from Manna From On High Church for a handicap parking spot located at 416 Franklin Street, Lot & Block No. 375-P-108, on condition that the space be placed on Franklin Street.

-All present were in favor.

- c. A motion was made by Petri and seconded by Ruane to approve the request from Dara N. Johnson for a handicap parking spot located in front of 407 Glosser Street, Lot & Block No. 375-P-286.

-All present were in favor.

- d. A motion was made by Ruane and seconded by Petri to approve the request from Janet Naglich for a handicap parking spot located in front of 549 Ridge Avenue, Lot & Block No. 375-P-24.

-All present were in favor.

12. Committee Actions/Discussions

- a. US Steel 2018 fire settlement suggested use of funds.
Desired projects were discussed.
- b. Summer pop-up library program.
Organizer invited to the next Agenda Setting Meeting.
- c. Police full-time coverage discussed.
- d. Sanitation proposal and the day for pickup discussed.
- e. Swimming lessons that were offered by YMCA discussed as summer activities.
- f. June 3rd Connect Center event
Council Member Washington to attend.
- g. Dionna from MVI
She will send information for the quarterly newsletter and establish dates for her activities. She intends to begin after July 4th operating from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM once per month.

13. Adjournment:

- i. A motion was made by Petri and seconded by Washington to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM.

-All present were in favor.