

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
CITY OF EAST ST. LOUIS  
JULY 8, 2021  
Meeting held at East St. Louis City Hall  
301 River Park Drive  
Council Chambers  
East St. Louis, Illinois 62201**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Councilmen was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Robert Eastern III.

**2. PRAYER-Mayor Robert Eastern III**

**3. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III  
Councilwoman: Parks  
**Absent:** Councilmen: None  
Mayor Robert Eastern III/Present

**4. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Parks and seconded by Mayor Eastern III to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Robert Eastern III called for the roll call.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III,  
Councilwoman: Parks  
**Nays:** Councilmen: None  
**Absent:** Councilmen: None  
Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye

**PASSED:**

**5. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA/WITH THE REMOVAL OF 11A**

A motion was made by Councilman Powell III and seconded by Councilman Cason to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Eastern III called for the roll call.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III,  
Councilwoman: Parks  
**Nays:** Councilmen: None  
**Absent:** Councilmen: None  
Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye

**PASSED:**

**6. REPORTS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE-RYAN CASON, CHAIRMAN**

**6A. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THOMPSON CIVIL FOR 2021 ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR TIF 3A STREET REHAB**

A motion was made by Councilman Cason and seconded by Mayor Eastern III to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Eastern III called for the roll call.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III,  
Councilwoman: Parks  
**Nays:** Councilmen: None  
**Absent:** Councilmen: None  
**Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye**

**PASSED:**

**6B. PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO AWARD BID #2020-08 STREET REHABILITATION TIF 1 TO ZAQDE TRUCKING, LLC**

A motion was made by Councilman Cason and seconded by Mayor Eastern III to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Eastern III called for the roll call.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason  
Councilwoman: Parks  
**Nays:** Councilmen: Dancy, Powell III  
**Absent:** Councilmen: None  
**Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye**

**PASSED:**

**7. REPORTS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE-CHARLES POWELL III-CHAIRMAN**

**7A. PRESENTATION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN PCG INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND THE CITY OF EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Parks and seconded by Councilman Powell III to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Robert Eastern III called for the roll call.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III,  
Councilwoman: Parks

**Nays:** Councilmen: None  
**Absent:** Councilmen: None  
**Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye**

**PASSED:**

**7B. PRESENTATION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR C & T SERVICES COMPLETE, LLC TO PROVIDE ASBESTOS FIELD, LABORATORY AND REPORTING SERVICES**

A motion was made by Councilman Powell III and seconded by Councilman Cason to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Eastern III called for the roll call.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III,  
Councilwoman: Parks  
**Nays:** Councilmen: None  
**Absent:** Councilmen: None  
**Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye**

**PASSED:**

**7C. PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) BETWEEN STRAIGHT-UP SOLAR, LLC AND THE CITY OF EAST ST. LOUIS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOLAR PV SYSTEM**

A motion was made by Councilman Powell III and seconded by Councilman Cason to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Robert Eastern III called for the roll call.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III  
Councilwoman: Parks  
**Nays:** Councilmen: None  
**Absent:** Councilmen: None  
**Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye**

**PASSED:**

**7D. PRESENTATION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE STATE GRANTS BUDGET AMENDMENT # 1**

A motion was made by Councilman Parks and seconded by Councilman Cason to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Robert Eastern III called for the roll call.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III  
Councilwoman: Parks

**Nays:** Councilmen: None  
**Absent:** Councilmen: None  
Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye

**PASSED:**

**7E. PRESENTATION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT # 2**

A motion was made by Councilman Powell III and seconded by Councilwoman Parks to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Eastern III called for the roll call.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III,  
Councilwoman: Parks  
**Nays:** Councilmen: None  
**Absent:** Councilmen: None  
Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye

**PASSED:**

**7F. PRESENTATION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE FEDERAL GRANTS BUDGET AMENDMENT # 1**

A motion was made by Councilman Cason and seconded by Councilwoman Parks to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Eastern III called for the roll call.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III,  
Councilwoman: Parks  
**Nays:** Councilmen: None  
**Absent:** Councilmen: None  
Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye

**PASSED:**

**7G. PRESENTATION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE TAX INCREMENT FINANCE TECHNICAL BUDGET AMENDMENT # 2**

A motion was made by Councilman Cason and seconded by Councilwoman Parks to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Eastern III called for the roll call.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III,  
Councilwoman: Parks  
**Nays:** Councilmen: None  
**Absent:** Councilmen: None  
Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye

**PASSED:**

## 8A. PRESENTATION OF BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Harlem's Event Studio  
3801 State Street  
East St. Louis, IL.  
Highway Commercial C3

Event Hall & Kitchen  
LaKesheil Kerney  
General Business Activity 1

Oak Street Health Physicians Group  
2600 State Street  
East St. Louis, IL.  
Highway Commercial C3

Healthcare Services  
Brian Briggs  
General Business Activity 11

The Open Box  
2303 State Street  
East St. Louis, IL.  
Highway Commercial C3

Restaurant  
Precous Tiller  
General Business Activity 1

Billops Enterprise LLC  
6919 State Street  
East St. Louis IL.  
Highway Commercial C3

Entertainment & Rental Suites  
Alita Billops  
General Business Activity 11

Luv My Dawgs  
843 Kendra Ann Dr.  
Swansea, IL.  
No Zoning

Food Cart  
Marquis Wren  
Peddlers

Petals & Pearls  
8700 State Street  
East St. Louis, IL  
Highway Commercial C3

Florist  
Yvette Turman  
General Business Activity 1

A motion was made by Councilman Powell III and seconded by Mayor Robert Eastern III to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Robert Eastern III called for the roll call.

**Ayes:**

**Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III**

**Councilwoman: Parks**

**Nays:**

**Councilmen: None**

**Absent:**

**Councilmen: None**

**Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye**

**PASSED:**

**9. REPORTS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-JO ANNE PARKS, CHAIRMAN**

- A. PRESENTATION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO ALLOW THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO TEMPORARILY INCREASE THE SENIOR REHABILITATION PROGRAM CONTRACT MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT

A motion was made by Councilman Dancy and seconded by Councilman Powell III to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Robert Eastern III called for the roll call.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III

Councilwoman: Parks

**Nays:** Councilmen: None

**Absent:** Councilmen: None

**Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye**

**PASSED:**

A motion was made by Councilman Powell III and seconded by Councilman Cason to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Robert Eastern III called for the roll call.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III

Councilwoman: Parks

**Nays:** Councilmen: None

**Absent:** Councilmen: None

**Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye**

**PASSED:**

**10. OLD BUSINESS-NONE**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. BOARD APPOINTMENTS-REMOVED

**12. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS-NONE**

**13. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Dancy asked about the debris on the streets, City Manager explained that the job has to be rebid and will be in the next 10 days.

Mayor Eastern III advised on events listed below:

- On July 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.-State Holders Meeting
- On July 19<sup>th</sup> -Door To Door On Cares Act

- On July 23<sup>rd</sup>-at 6:00 p.m.-Senior Citizen Building

**14. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

- A. MS. PAULETTE SHIPP- ABSENT
- B. MS. RUTH CHILDS-STATED THE PROBLEMS SHE’S HAVING AT 615 NORTH 73<sup>RD</sup> STREET WITH NEIGHBORS AND SHE IS REQUESTING A NO PARKIUNG SIGN BE PUT IN FRONT OF HER HOUSE. SHE PROVIDED TAPES AND WITNESS ON THE INCIDENT. MAYOR HAD ASST. CHIEF TALK TO HER
- C. CYNTHIA HILLIARD-ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR, CAME TO THANK THE COUNCIL FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP, COUNCILMAN Powell III ADVISED TO LEGISLATION FOR THE USE OF GAS FOR APPROVAL BY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Councilman Powell III and seconded by Councilman Cason to go into Executive Session. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Eastern III called for the roll call.

**WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:20 P.M.**

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III</b>
	<b>Councilwoman: Parks</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>Councilmen: None</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Councilmen: None</b>
<b>Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye</b>	

**PASSED:**

A motion was made by Mayor Eastern III and seconded by Councilman Powell III to re-establish quorum. Upon the question of the motion by Mayor Robert Eastern III called for a vote

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III</b>
	<b>Councilwoman: Parks</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>Councilmen: None</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Councilmen: None</b>
<b>Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye</b>	

**RE-ESTABLISH QUORUM AT 6:50 P.M.**

**15. ADJOURMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Dancy and seconded by Mayor Robert Eastern III to adjourn. Upon the question of the motion by Mayor Robert Eastern III called for a vote

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>Councilmen: Cason, Dancy, Powell III</b>
	<b>Councilwoman: Parks</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>Councilmen: None</b>

**Absent:**  
Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye

**Councilmen:** None

**PASSED TO ADJOURN @ 7:00 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Hamilton Tidwell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

**Debra Hamilton Tidwell, City Clerk**