

**EAST PITTSBURGH AGENDA MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 12, 2021**

The January 12, 2021 agenda setting meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 7:05 p.m. via video teleconference.

Mr. Abrams took the roll:

Present:

Absent:

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President	none
Stacy Simon, Council Vice-President	
Paul Borkowski, Council Member	
Earnest Frazier, Council Member	
Jonathan Reyes, Council Member (arrived 7:10 pm)	

Other:

Seth Abrams, Borough Manager  
Denise Hartford, Secretary

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no public comment.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Abrams reported that the borough administration is working on closing 2020 and opening to 2021 books. He also reported that he had had a conversation with Judge Schricker regarding the proposed quality of life ordinance. The borough solicitor will be doing a review of the ordinance prior to presenting it to council for additional consideration.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION –**

Ms. Kennedy reminded council that the consultants for BEN will be presenting at the Council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. She also requested that council members make an effort to attend the virtual public meeting for BEN to be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Ms. Simon requested that the resolution for the creation of the Environmental Defense Fund be drawn up. Mr. Abrams reported that the bank account associated with the fund has been established.

Ms. Simon requested additional information about the two candidates that have submitted letters of interest in the tax collector position. Council discussed the options and decided to retain the

municipal tax collection for 2021 due to timelines that would prohibit proper vetting. Those who expressed interest will be contacted and informed of such. Mr. Abrams was asked to further research the legal options for long term appointment vs. electing the tax collector.

Mr. Frazier requested an update on the regional police. Mr. Abrams reported that a RFP has been sent out for a facilitator, but otherwise there has not been action since the December update.

Mr. Markus Adams of Sunnyside Ave. presented his vision for the office of Mayor.

No other residents presented candidacy for the office of Mayor. Council will vote to appoint a mayor at the meeting on January 19, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm by Mr. Frazier. Seconded by Ms. Simon. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Seth Abrams  
Borough Manager