EAST PITTSBURGH AGENDA MEETING MINUTES February 9, 2021

The February 9, 2021 agenda setting meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 6:06 p.m. via video teleconference.

Mr. Abrams took the roll:

Present: Absent:

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President
Stacy Simon, Council Vice-President
Paul Borkowski, Council Member
Earnest Frazier, Council Member
Jonathan Reyes, Council Member (arrived 6:12 pm)

Other:

Seth Abrams, Borough Manager Markus Adams, Mayor Denise Hartford, Secretary

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Kennedy requested clarification on which meetings occurred on specific dates and noted a correction on a street name.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Abrams reported that the required annual reporting to DCED and PennDOT have been submitted and approved. Work was also done during the month to update the contracts for payroll services, and gas & electrical suppliers. All contracts/agreements came were negotiated at lower rates than the previous contract/agreement.

The TriCog Land Bank was contacted to discuss options for the land that is being offered to the borough at 311-313 Glosser Ave. The Land Bank expressed interest in taking the land instead of having the borough act as a real estate developer. Mr. Abrams connected the Land Bank to the borough solicitor and the estate offering the land.

Borough finances were reported to have \$929,663.92 in the general fund and a total cash position of \$1,227,900.42

Mr. Abrams presented schematics of the proposed Borough Building as designed by Axis Architecture. Cost estimates are expected in the next 2-3 weeks. After that financing will be

sought through grants and an RFP for a loan. Both government and private banking options will be sought.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION –

Ms. Simon requested that the 2021 election information, including the offices up for election be posted on the borough website and social media.

Mr. Reyes suggested that Mr. Adams be highlighted as East Pittsburgh's first Black Mayor, as February is Black History Month. All council members concurred.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion to adjourn at 7:06 pm by Ms. Simon. Seconded by Mr. Reyes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Seth Abrams Borough Manager