

EAST PITTSBURGH AGENDA MEETING
March 9, 2021

The March 9, 2021 agenda setting meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 6:03 p.m. via video teleconference.

Mr. Abrams took the roll:

Present:

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President
Stacy Simon, Council Vice-President
Paul Borkowski, Council Member
Earnest Frazier, Council Member

Absent:

Jonathan Reyes, Council Member

Other:

Seth Abrams, Borough Manager
Markus Adams, Mayor

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michelle Moses from Sherry's Family Market, which will be located at 549 Bessemer Ave introduced herself. She stated the market is scheduled to open on April 24, 2021. Council welcomed Mrs. Moses and her family to East Pittsburgh.

MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2021 minutes will be reviewed at the 16 March 2021 meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager's Report is on file and in the Council packet. Mr. Abrams reported that he participated in meetings with Allegheny Together and with the County and Friends of the Riverfront for the connector trail from Trafford to Munhall. He has been working with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to bring in their farmer's market program – the Green Grocer. It is tentatively scheduled to be on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Once dates/times/location will be advertised once it is finalized.

Borough finances were reported to have \$884,036.48 in the general fund and a total cash position of \$1,272,388.29. Tax collection bills went out on time.

Mr. Abrams reported that the USDA grant request for the skid steer will likely be approved in the late spring. The GEDTF grant that was to go in front of the Commonwealth Financing Agency in March was pushed to the 25 May 2021 meeting.

COVID-19 update – According to the ACHD reporting, East Pittsburgh has/had a total of 100 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 2 deaths. This Generation Connect has been able to bring in a mobile testing site on Thursdays from 1-4 pm. This is being advertised by the Borough on Facebook.

Dr. Akinkuonye at 811 Main St. has sent a written request to purchase the vacant property that is located next door, at 809 Main St. With Council’s approval and guidance from the solicitor this property can be sold. Mr. Abrams was directed to proceed with obtaining additional details and engaging in discussions with the Solicitor and Dr. Akinkuonye.

Mr. Abrams reviewed that data presented to Council regarding borough demographics. Additional information showing the potential for significantly improved public transit was just published by the Next Transit workgroup. <https://nexttransit.network/>

Motions that will be requested at the regular meeting on 16 March 2021 are

1. To approve the acquisition of 311-313 Glosser St. by the TriCOG Land Bank. This property was being offered by the estate of the prior owner.
2. Approval of the Borough-wide policy defining and prohibiting Fraud, Waste and Abuse
3. Approval of the Municipal Reserves and Investments policy

Mr. Abrams presented a finalized version of the Quality of Life Ordinance. Council agreed to move forward and Mr. Abrams will advertise the Ordinance as written with a public hearing and scheduled vote at the regular meeting on April 20, 2021.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION –

Mayor Adams is planning to participate in an interview with WPXI on Friday, March 12, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion to adjourn at 7:02 pm by Ms. Simon. Seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager