

EAST PITTSBURGH AGENDA MEETING
May 11, 2021

The May 11, 2021 agenda setting meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 6:05 p.m. via video teleconference.

Mr. Abrams took the roll:

Present:

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President
Paul Borkowski, Council Member

Absent:

Stacy Simon, Council Vice-President
Earnest Frazier, Council Member
Jonathan Reyes, Council Member

Other:

Seth Abrams, Borough Manager
Markus Adams, Mayor

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PRESENTATION – Anthony Ditka

Mr. Ditka is serving as bond counsel to the Borough. He explained the reason for bond counsel and their duties to ensure that legal obligations are met under federal and state laws including abiding by the Local Government Unit Debt Act of Pennsylvania. Mr. Ditka expects that bond issuance will occur within 30 days of the council vote to approve the bond issuance.

MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2021 business meeting minutes were reviewed without corrections.

MANAGER’S REPORT

The Manager’s Report is on file and in the Council packet. Mr. Abrams reported that tax revenues are coming in at a record rate and the borough is approximately 2 months ahead of its usual collection timeline.

Mr. Abrams will need to re-send the financial snapshot with the May 25th council packets.

Borough finances were reported to have \$1,237,936.66 in the general fund and a total cash position of \$1,714,364.11.

The borough’s insurance broker will be putting the worker’s comp policy out for bid. The policy expires in October, 2021.

Announcements:

1. US Steel will be holding a vaccination clinic on Wednesday, May 19th from noon-6 pm. The borough will advertise.

2. Wilkins Township bicentennial will be on September 18th, 2021.
 - a. The Borough will not be sending any representatives. Mr. Abrams will send regrets.
3. EMC Insurance policy add on.
 - a. Mr. Abrams will send clarifying questions to the insurance broker.
4. ALOM Conference
 - a. There is not anyone currently available to attend this conference in June.

Motions that will be requested at the regular meeting on 25 May 2021 are

- Motion to approve an ordinance authorizing formal action constituting a debt ordinance under the Local Government Unit Debt Act.
- Motion to adopt the Joint Comprehensive Plan for the Boroughs of Braddock, East Pittsburgh, and North Braddock
- Motion to approve the placement of disabled parking at 415 Ridge Ave.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION –

Mr. Abrams presented the report on waste collection. A recommendation was made that the borough begin instituting an annual trash fee in 2022 due to the expected increases in cost.

Mr. Abrams will prepare for hybrid meetings beginning in June, 2021. Meetings will be held at the Senior Center, but virtual will continue to be an option for council members and the public.

ADJOURNMENT-

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm

Respectfully submitted

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager