

**EAST PITTSBURGH AGENDA MEETING  
December 14, 2021**

The December 14, 2021 agenda setting meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order at 6:03 pm by Mary Carol Kennedy.

Mr. Abrams took the roll:

**Present:**

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President  
Paul Borkowski, Council Member  
Earnest Frazier, Council Member

**Absent:**

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

**Other:**

Seth Abrams, Borough Manager  
Markus Adams, Mayor  
Mark Petri, Council Member elect

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from the November 16, 2021 meeting were reviewed without correction

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Manager's Report is on file and in the Council packet.

Mr. Abrams announced that he has hired an employee for the Crossing Guard position.

Finances are in excellent shape for the final month of the year, and the office is ready to wrap up 2021 and begin 2022.

The office has begun using a new data system to unify all departments with the same resident information. This allows for the development of reports and assures all staff have the same names/addresses, especially for rental properties. The office is also trying out a new multi-function copier/printer, as the current lease expires in May 2022. The Borough plans to purchase the next machine which will result in a cost savings of approximately \$10,000 over a 5-year period. Should the copier last longer, as it is expected to do, the savings will continue at \$1,200-\$1,500 per year that the copier is in use versus another purchase or lease.

2022 Trash bills went out in the mail on December 13, 2021.

Mr. Abrams announced the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which will mail books to children under the age of 5. The information and link to sign up have been posted on the Borough's Facebook page.

## **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Ms. Kennedy raised a concern about ongoing complaints/concerns about the tenants in the building at 565-575 Ridge Ave. Mayor Adams noted that he plans to address the concerns regarding landlords not taking accountability for their tenant's behavior in a letter. Mr. Abrams will also send a letter directly to the owner and management company for this address. It was decided that reaching out to the other residents in the area with a "see something, say something" message could result in excessive and exaggerated reporting by neighbors.

Ms. Kennedy asked if there had been any update on the grant request to US Steel for the Trax Alley Playground. Mr. Abrams stated that he inquired last week but was not given a decision date.

Mr. Abrams was asked if the resident at 521 Maple Street who is requesting permission to keep a disabled parking location actually owned a vehicle. The resident does not own a vehicle, which should be the initial requirement for requesting a disabled parking place on the street. Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Borkowski all agreed that a resident must own a vehicle in addition to having a placard/license plate from the State.

The State Police data for call volume, January-October 2021 was presented to Council as a follow up to Lt. Dowlin's report at the November Council meeting. The primary call reason is for a domestic/disturbance call and the second most common was for welfare check. Overall crime is extremely low, and Mayor Adams praised the borough as a whole for staying alert and keeping a significant amount of crime at bay.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

Seth Abrams  
Borough Manager