

BOROUGH OF EAST PITTSBURGH AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

The September 12, 2023, Agenda Setting Meeting of the East Pittsburgh Council was called to order at 6:04 pm by Ms. Kennedy.

Mr. Walker took the roll:

Present:

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President
Chad Nicholson, Council Member
Mark Petri, Council Member
Ed Ruane, Council Member

Absent:

Jonathan Reyes, Council Vice President

Other:

Markus Adams, Mayor
Benjamin D. Walker, Borough Manager
Denise Hartford, Borough Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **State Representative Abigail Salisbury:** Introduced herself to Council as the State Representative for the district on her journey to attend meetings across the municipalities that she represents. Rep. Salisbury updated Council on the list of grant opportunities and that a printed book would be on its way soon. Rep. Salisbury additionally notified Council on the criminal history expungement clinic aimed at relieving the professional burden on qualifying individuals with a criminal history. She further identified a grant writing training and education seminar for nonprofit organizations and local governments at 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM, on October 12th.
2. **Mr. Jan:** with support of others in the room, this concerned resident asked for codes pertaining to pedophiles living in the Borough and asked whether the members of the community or the Borough leadership could prevent residence or remove current residents with such a background.
3. **Alicia Banks:** a resident living on Howard street issued a complaint regarding her alley, and Mr. Jan voiced similar concerns about the paving of the alley behind her property. She additionally reported that a neighboring property was being utilized unlawfully in accordance with the Borough Ordinances and claimed that the property owner admitted to

such use. The Borough Manager was requested to email information regarding the Borough's ordinances and the upcoming Listening Session on September 28, 2023.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Minutes will be voted on at the September 19, 2023 Council Meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a. The Borough Manager met with representatives of PMRS and Mockenhaupt to obtain quotes for future employee benefits.
- b. A copy of the expenses were given to the Council Members for their records.
- c. The salt order has been resolved.
- d. The following grant opportunities were reported on:
 - a. CDBG
 - i. COG-wide
 - ii. County Community Development
 - b. T-Mobile Hometown Grant
 - c. The LSA Grant

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Call/Complaint Log – available. Please review before the Council Meeting.
- b. Status of the Police Regionalization: The ERMVP has established a public meeting schedule and there is a Listening Session scheduled for September 28, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Quote for repair of DPW Garage Roof: the Borough Council requested more quotes prior to awarding an amount for fixing the DPW Garage.
- b. Botti Demolition payment:
 - a. A motion to pay Botti Contracting and Trucking, LLC \$23,130.00 for work performed on the 610 Main Street Demolition project from the _____ fund.
- c. Bid for 2023 Roadway Infrastructure Improvement Project – LSA.
- d. Street Opening and Excavation Ordinance Amendment: Tabled until next month's meeting.
- e. A motion to ratify the resolution to apply for the GEDTF Grant.

COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS:

- a. Mary Carol Kennedy thanked everyone for assisting with the Borough's Community Day Event and set the date for the next meeting to occur on Monday, October 2nd, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Ruane made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Seconded by Mr. Petri.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin D. Walker,
Borough Manager