

BOROUGH OF EAST PITTSBURGH AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

The December 12, 2023, Agenda Setting Meeting of the East Pittsburgh Council was called to order at 6:04 PM by Mr. Petri.

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
Patrick Geric, Borough Tax Collector

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a. **Patrick Geric:** addressed Council on the problems with the delinquent taxes and suggested that Jordan Tax Service should collect for the Borough. He expressed familiarity with a representative from Jordan Tax Service and would have a proposal submitted to Council. He also suggested that the Borough should utilize North Braddock's VFD, as they service the Borough more frequently or actively than River's Edge VFD.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

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

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a. September 2023 Manager's Report available for review.
- b. Borough Financial Update
- a. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget
- c. New Building Memorandum
- d. DPW Roof Repair
- e. PMRS Meeting (Retirement Benefits)

The Borough Manager was asked to check on Election Day to ensure that the 2024 Meeting Schedule was accurate.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Call/Complaint Log- available. Please review before the council meeting.
- b. Status of Police Regionalization/ERMVP:
A conditional offer was made to the selected candidate for Chief of Police in the ERMVPD following a second interview on Saturday, December 9, 2023. Two additional applications were received for Police Officers, and the budget appears to be in range of East Pittsburgh’s expected contributions and budget.
- c. A motion to conduct the second reading of and adopt Ordinance No. 936 (Street Opening Amendment – Updates to Standards):

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST PITTSBURGH, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, REPEALING ORDINANCE 862 OF THE EAST PITTSBURGH BOROUGH CODE AND ESTABLISHING NEW REGULATIONS RELATED TO STREET OPENINGS AND RESTORATION AND AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO CHARGE PERMIT FEES AND ESTABLISH BONDING REQUIREMENTS.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. DPW Laborer Applicants/Interviews.
- b. A motion to adopt Resolution 23-10 (2024 Budget Resolution):

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST PITTSBURGH, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATES FOR 2023 AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, FOR 2024.

- c. A motion to conduct the first reading of Ordinance 937:

ERMVP Ordinance recognizing policing authority in the Borough Effective by resolution/operational status of the ERMVP.

COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS:

- a. Council asked the Borough Manager to reach out to Connect to investigate its affordability.
- b. Patrick Geric’s suggestion will be investigated by the Borough Manager.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Ruane made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM to enter an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and Mr. Petri seconded.