

BOROUGH OF EAST PITTSBURGH
AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023 - 7:00 PM

1. The December 19, 2023 meeting of the East Pittsburgh Council was called to order at 7:01 PM
by Ms. Kennedy.

2. Ms. Hartford took roll call:

Present:

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President
Jonathan Reyes, Council Vice President
Chad Nicholson, Council Member *(Via Phone)*
Mark Petri, Council Member
Ed Ruane, Council Member

Absent:

Markus Adams, Mayor
David Miller, Code Enforcement
Officer/Fire Marshal

Other:

Benjamin D. Walker, Borough Manager (Via Phone)
Denise Hartford, Borough Secretary
Laura Branthoover, Borough Engineer
Nick Evashavik, Borough Solicitor

3. Pledge of Allegiance Ms. Kennedy

4. Agenda:

- a. A motion was made by Ruane and seconded by Petri to approve the agenda as presented.

-All present were in favor.

5. Meeting Minutes:

- a. A motion was made by Petri and seconded by Nicholson to approve November 14, 2023, Agenda Meeting Minutes.

-All present were in favor.

- b. A motion was made by Ruane and seconded by Nicholson to approve November 28, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes.

-All present were in favor.

6. Public Comment – None

7. Authorization to Pay Bills -

Ms. Kennedy

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| General Fund Expenditures | \$65,315.31 |
| Payroll Expenditures | \$18,284.85 |
| Sewage Fund Expenditures | \$38,510.90 |
| Liquid Fuels Expenditures | \$3,507.89 |
| Total Expenditures | \$125,618.95 |

A motion was made by Nicholson and seconded by Reyes to approve payment of the bills:

-All present were in favor.

8. Reports

a. Manager’s Report

Mr. Walker

A motion was made by Ruane and seconded by Petri to approve the Manager’s report:

-All present were in favor.

b. Engineer’s Report

Mrs. Branthoover

A motion was made by Reyes and seconded by Petri to approve the Engineer’s report.

-All present were in favor.

Ms. Branthoover read the Borough Engineer’s Report and stated that Christina Alley has been milled with paving to occur when weather clears.

c. Fire Marshal/Code Enforcement

Mr. Miller

A motion was made by Ruane and seconded by Nicholson to approve the Fire Marshal’s report:

-All present were in favor.

Mary Carol Kennedy tallied 110 Occupancy inspections inquiring as to the number of rental properties that reside in the Borough.

d. Solicitor’s Report

Mr. Evashavik

A motion was made by Nicholson and seconded by Petri to approve the Solicitor’s report:

-All present were in favor.

ERMVP Ordinance was written for Council's approval.

- e. Mayor's Report Mr. Adams
Absent – No report submitted.
- f. DPW Report Mr. Yocca
No report submitted.

9. Old Business

- a. Chad Nicholson inquired as to whether Council Member votes count over the phone if there is a quorum physically present at a meeting and Mr. Evashavik clarified that they do.
- b. Mary Carol Kennedy asked the Borough Manager to contact Connect, which received approval from the other Council Members to inquire membership requirements.
- c. Tax Collector, Pat Geric submitted a proposal from Jordan Tax Service to perform the delinquent tax billing for the Borough.

10. New Business

- a. A motion was made by Ruane and seconded by Petri to adopt Resolution 23-10 (2024 Budget)

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.

-All present were in favor.

- b. A motion was made by Ruane and seconded by Nicholson 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.

-All present were in favor.

- c. A motion was made by Nicholson and seconded by Petri to introduce and conduct the first reading of Ordinance 24-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST PITTSBURGH, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA RECOGNIZING THE AUTHORITY OF THE EASTERN REGIONAL MON VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE BOROUGH.

-All present were in favor.

Point of clarification by Solicitor Evashavik: this motion includes expenses on advertising for the ordinance and future motions should include this information.

- d. A motion was made by Nicholson and seconded by Petri to accept the resignation of Rafael Daniele as an East Pittsburgh Borough Department of Public Works employee.

-All present were in favor.

11. Committee Actions/Discussions

- a. Council discussed the current status of the Regional Police, including the accepted conditional offer letter from the candidate, who needs to be certified in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania within 180 days of the hire date. Further discussion on grant statuses, including one that covers the salaries of two officers for three years. February 1, 2024, is the expected start date for the organization.
- b. Mary Carol Kennedy wished everyone happy holidays.

12. Adjournment:

- a. A motion was made by Nicholson and seconded by Petri to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM.