

BOROUGH OF EAST PITTSBURGH AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

The May 14, 2024, Agenda Setting Meeting of the East Pittsburgh Council was called to order at 6:05 PM by Ms. Kennedy.

Mr. Walker took the roll:

Present:

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

Absent:

Markus Adams, Mayor

Other:

Benjamin D. Walker, Borough Manager
Denise Hartford, Borough Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mary Carol Kennedy

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None at this time.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Minutes will be voted on at the May 21, 2024, Council Meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. April 2024 Manager's Report available for review.
- B. Borough Financial Update
 - a. FY 2023 Financial Audit Update
 - b. Current Revenues YTD
 - c. Current Expenditures YTD
- C. New Building Progress Update
 - a. ARPA COVID-19 Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Project Grant
 - b. RACP Grant Update
 - c. LSA Grant
- D. Late Rental Bills/Citation Plan FY 2024

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Call/Complaint Log- available. Please review before the council meeting.

- B. Status of Police Regionalization/ERMVP.
ERMVPD Chief of Police will issue monthly reports when the recording software is operational. The media article regarding the Chief's credentials were discussed and a response is being considered. The Chief's credentials are being worked on and will be completed within the timeframe prescribed by the Commission. Braddock Borough will consider a resolution to engage the ERMVP Commission for membership terms. Bylaws for the organization should be created as soon as possible.
- C. Road Closure Request – 500 Block of Howard Street – Update.
- D. Community Cleanup Day.
Scheduled for May 18, 2024, and the Borough Manager discussed any needed supplies.
- E. Business Card Designs for Council.
Council requested a design concept prior to ordering the cards.
- F. Beech Street and Cable Avenue Storm Grates.
Order completed and waiting for them to arrive.
- G. 613-615 Grandview Avenue pillar update.
Owner responded to citation and should be addressing the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Sycamore wall update.
PennDOT was reluctant to provide assistance, as a landslide at the location would likely not affect St. Rte. 30. Laura Branthoover, the Borough Engineer, will coordinate with a third party engineering firm to come up with a more permanent solution.
- B. 512 Howard Street Engineer's Report from Laura Branthoover.
- C. 811-817 Madison Avenue wall report from Laura Branthoover.
- D. A motion to ratify the change order from El Grande Industries, Inc. for the 2024 East Pittsburgh Roadway Infrastructure Improvements Project in the amount of \$14,932.50 for the addition of Bryan Alley to the project.
- E. A motion to approve the request from Manna From On High Church for a handicap parking spot located at 416 Franklin Street, Lot & Block No. 375-P-108, on condition that the space be placed on Franklin Street.
- F. A motion to approve the request from Dara N. Johnson for a handicap parking spot located in front of 407 Glosser Street, Lot & Block No. 375-P-286.
- G. A motion to approve the request from Janet Naglich for a handicap parking spot located in front of 549 Ridge Avenue, Lot & Block No. 375-P-24.

COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS:

- A. Rent escalation and its effects on the residents discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Ruane made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM and Mr. Nicholson seconded.

- All present were in favor.