

OFFICIAL BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW BOROUGH

MINUTES – SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING – NOVEMBER 8, 2018

Minutes of the special workshop meeting of Town Council held on Thursday, November 8, 2018, in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President William F. Aguglia, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Chief Fromlak conducted roll call. Members of Council present were: President William F. Aguglia, Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, Members M. Kimberly Steele, Robert D. Schellhaas, Scott V. Miller. Also attending were: Mayor J.R. Henry, Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Solicitor Matthew J. Kalina and Junior Council Member Andrew Bensch. Engineer Robert E. Zischkau was absent. Members Donald E. Mikec and Eugene Borio arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Chief Fromlak read the legal advertisement for the workshop meeting, advertised in the Post-Gazette North on October 26, 2018, stating the regular meeting will immediately follow and the purpose is for Council to discuss the proposed 2019 Budget, with no other business to be considered. The Chief thanked Mr. Kircher, Mr. Aguglia and Ms. Steele along with Cathy A. Mann the Assistant Treasurer for their support in developing the proposed budget for 2019. The Chief reported the Budget is tax neutral and will maintain all services with no tax increase for 2019.

Projected revenues and expenditures are \$ 3,674,700 for 2019. Both the Police and Public Works contracts are being negotiated at this time with no unforeseen issues. The tentative wage increase for both is projected within the contracts to be a 3% increase for each employee. The UPMC Health Care plan for the same coverage as currently being offered will increase by 3.5% more than the 2018 rates, for an estimated annual premium of \$267,633. As of November 8, 2018, the balances in the following accounts are General Fund Checking \$583,624.65, General Fund MM \$155,664.41, Building Fund MM \$43,896.52 and Liquid Fuels Checking \$177,830.75. The Chief budgeted \$250,000 for the 2019 paving project and the streets/alleys under consideration are: Magnolia from Richland to dead end, Harvard from Center to Kenyon, State Alley from Wexford Alley to Hawthorne, Yale off of Carlisle to dead end, Yale from Stanford to dead end, Eleventh Alley from Columbia to Bronx parallel with Highland above Schell field, Wexford Alley from Ridgewood to State Alley, Bryant Alley from Jamaica to Montclair, Winter Alley from Park to dead end, Lakewood from Montclair to dead end, Hempstead Alley from Chalfonte to Highland, Ormond Alley from Farley Park to Martsolf, Fordham from Lehigh to Cornell, Center Avenue parking area 600 block Bellevue to Ashford Center Avenue parking on both north and south side of Center under Ridgewood Bridge and CD 45 Application for Homekort Avenue.

Chief Fromlak reported the major account changes are as follows: Revenues are Real Estate Taxes \$1,717,300, Earned Income Tax \$885,000, Local Service Tax \$67,000, Business Privilege \$36,000. Expenditures are Auditing Service \$22,000, Solicitor \$23,500, Engineer \$45,000 and Upgrades to parks \$10,000. We are not anticipating the need on a TAN Loan for 2019.

We are not anticipating the purchase of either a Police vehicle or a Department of Public Works vehicle in the 2019. Police Capital is \$5,000 down from \$35,000 in 2018, Payment of Machine is \$12,000 down from \$32,000 in 2018, Paving is the same at \$250,000 along with Capital Fire Equipment at \$30,000 and Minor Equipment is at \$10,000 down from \$20,000 in 2018.

Dollar General signed a lease extension until June 30, 2021 at \$3000 a month, Steeltown Firearms has a lease until March 31, 2019 at \$700 a month, Schorr Bakery's lease expired, and they are on a month to month basis at \$490 a month and PNC Bank space is still vacant, but we are currently working with Coldwell Banker Real Estate Services. Building Fund repairs decreased to \$30,000 from \$39,000 in 2018, with most of the 2018 expense being to replace the generator and building renovations.

Liquid Fuel Fund has a budget of \$196,000.

Vice President Kircher noted that the overall revenue and expenses for 2019 are projected with a 2.7% reduction over the 2018 budget with it mostly being that the revenue performance in 2018 wasn't what we anticipated, and we took a conservative view for 2019. The expense side shows an eliminated position and not purchasing Police or Public Works vehicle, therefore decreasing the expenditures. Mr. Kircher thanked Chief Fromlak, Cathy Mann, Kimberly Steele and President Aguglia for working with him in preparing the budget. The Mayor felt everyone did a good job.

President Aguglia closed the Budget workshop meeting and opened the Regular Meeting at 6:15 p.m.