

CITY OF POTTSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Date: 1/27/2026

Time: 5 pm

Location: Council Chambers – City Hall, 401 N. Centre Street, Pottsville, PA 17901

1. Call to Order

- Presiding Officer: Mayor Thomas Smith

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

3. Roll Call

- Mayor: Smith
- Council Members: Botto, Marsh, Price, Wollyung
- City Administrator: Shuman
- City Solicitor: Sterns
- City Treasurer: Dragna
- City Controller: Weres.

4. Swearing in of Patrolman Bryce Dragna

5. Executive Session (If Needed)

- Purpose: Legal / Personnel / Real Estate / Contract Negotiations

6. Public Comment for Agenda Items

7. Budget Workshop

8. Approval of Minutes

- January 12, 2026 Meeting of Council

9. Treasurer's Report

- December 2025

10. Proclamations, Recognitions & Presentations

- Presentation by Dan Kourey and the St. Paddy's Day Parade Committee regarding the St. Paddy's Day parade scheduled for Saturday, March 14th.

ACCOUNTABILITY & STRATEGIC PLAN REPORTS

11. Department Monthly Reports

- None to report for this special meeting.

12. Quarterly Strategic Plan Updates- Boards, Authorities, and Commissions

(Aligned with City Council priorities and transparency initiatives)

- Contract Update from PADCO

13. Unfinished Business

- Discussion Item (s):
- Action Item(s):
 - Ratification of Bill 1 of 2026 (Ordinance No.937) – Setting Post Assessment Milage Rate
 - 2nd Reading and Possible Enactment of Bill 2 of 2026 - Establishing Staggered, 5 year terms for the Blighted Property Review Committee –*Appointments in February*
 - 2nd Reading and Possible Enactment of Bill No. 3 of 2026 - Establishing (5) Year Staggered Terms for Recreation Commission - *Appointments in February*
 - 2nd Reading and Possible Enactment of Bill No. 4 of 2026 – Amending the 2026 Pottsville City Budget
 - 2nd Reading and Possible Enactment of Bill No. 5 of 2026 – Authorizing the condemnation and taking by eminent domain of a fee simple interest of UPI No. 68-35-0058.000 (commonly known as 800 Mahantongo Street)

- 2nd Reading and Possible Enactment of Bill No. 6 of 2026 – Authorizing the condemnation and taking by eminent domain of a fee simple interest of UPI No. 68-35-0059.000 (commonly known as 802 Mahantongo Street)
- 2nd Reading and Possible Enactment of Bill No. 7 of 2026 – Authorizing the condemnation and taking by eminent domain of a fee simple interest of UPI No. 68-35-0060.000 (commonly known as 804 Mahantongo Street)
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14. New Business

Discussion Item (s):

- Discussion and possible realignment of Department Heads
- Resolving that any line item spent over budgeted amount be approved by both department head and council department head, and requiring funds must be either moved from another budget line item in the department or approved by council.
- Action Item(s):
 - 1st Reading of Bill No. 8 of 2026 - Establishing Qualifications and Procedure for Appointment of City Solicitor and City Engineer
 - 1st Reading of Bill No. 9 of 2026 – Establishing Qualifications and Procedure for Appointment of City Engineer
 - 1st Reading of Bill No. 10 of 2026 – Amending the Mechanical Amusement Device Ordinance regarding Skill Games
 - 1st Reading of Bill 11 of 2026 – Further Amending the 2026 Pottsville City Budget

15. Resolutions

- Approving a Letter of Support for the Anthracite Connector Trail DCNR Peer Grant
- Approving a submission of a demolition request to the County of Schuylkill in the amount of _____ for 800 Mahantongo Street, Tax ID: 68-35-0060.000, and authorizing the Pottsville Area Development Corporation to submit the application for funding on the City's behalf.
- Approving a submission of a demolition request to the County of Schuylkill in the amount of _____ for 802 Mahantongo Street, Tax ID: 68-35-0059.000, and authorizing the Pottsville Area Development Corporation to submit the application for funding on the City's behalf.

- Approving a submission of a demolition request to the county of Schuylkill in the amount of _____ for 804 Mahantongo Street, Tax ID: 68-35-0058.000, and authorizing the Pottsville Area Development Corporation to submit the application for funding on the City's behalf.
- Creating a grant committee that includes (2) members of city council, department heads as needed, and representatives from local legislative offices to work with PADCO to determine targeted projected needed for grant writing assistance.
- Approving a submission for grant funding for the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)- Statewide Competitive Funding Program in the amount of _____ and authorizing the Pottsville Area Development Corporation to submit the application for funding on the City's behalf.
- Authorizing the City Administrator to work with the onboarding staff of Brightly for needs analysis for full integration.
- Reappointing Kurt Shellhammer to the position of Training Officer for the Pottsville Fire Department for a 4-year term
- Reappointing Jason G. Mitmier to the position of Safety Officer for the Pottsville Fire Department for a 4-year term
- Requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the purchase of a new fire engine for Yorkville Hose Company

16. Board & Authority Appointments / Vacancies

- Review applications, commitments & required skill sets
 - Will be placed on city website along with all vacancies within (30) days
 - Lasting Legacy
 - Appoint _____ to advisory committee (term expires January 2029)
 - Greater Pottsville Area Sewer Authority
 - (*tabled 1/5/26*) Appoint _____ to fulfill seat of Barry Dewitt (expires Jan. 2031)
 - Pottsville Housing Authority
 - (*tabled 1/5/26*) Appoint _____ to expired seat of Marie Wilson that expired April 2025 (expires Apr. 2030)

17. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

18. Executive Session (If Needed)

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19. Adjournment

- Time: _____
- Next Scheduled Meeting: _____

Clerk / Administrative Notes

(For official recordkeeping only)
