

**City of Duquesne
Workshop Agenda**

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

6:30 pm

Meeting being held in person and remotely using ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5251078707?pwd=Z01uVXlMMlZaYm5BazJnYmR4MWs1QT09#saccess>

**CALL TO ORDER (PLEASE MUTE YOUR PHONES)
MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL**

**Councilperson Elaine Washington
Councilperson Aaron Adams
Councilperson Derek Artim
Councilperson Denise Brownfield
Mayor R. Scott Adams**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes – October 22, 2024
- b. Bill List – November 12, 2024

MOTION: to approve the November 12, 2024 Consent Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Public Safety – Report by Mayor Scott Adams**
 - a. Public Vehicle Charging Stations – no update
- 2. Public Works – Report by Councilperson Elaine Washington**

3. *Water Dept. – Report by Councilperson Aaron Adams*

4. *Community & Economic Development – Report by Councilperson Denise Brownfield*

- a. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-006** – adopting procedures and policy related to the Dangerous Structures. Second and Third Readings and consideration have been advertised for the December 3, 2024 Council Meeting.
- b. 2023 GEDTF Demolition Grant – 4 bids were received for the demolition of 28,30, 33,125 S. 7th St., 733 Klere St., 138 and 151 Auriles St. The low bidder was DJ Demo at \$69,790.

MOTION: to award the 2023 GEDTF Demolition Grant to DJ Demo with a low bid of \$69,790.00.

- c. CDBG Year 51 Grant – renovation of Public Works Building.

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2024-010 requesting a grant of \$397,068 from CDBG Year 51 for the renovation of the Public Works Building.

- d. Jefferson Regional Foundation Cleanup Partnership
- e. Planning Commission Update
 - i. LD-2024-01 RIDC of Southwestern Pennsylvania is looking to develop parcels 378-B-80, 378-B-82, and 378-B-84 on S. Linden St. regarding the proposed Eos Energy Production Facility.
- f. Zoning Hearing Board Update
 - i. ZHB-2024-02 Clifford Hughes request for a variance to construct a two-car garage at 316 Commonwealth Avenue 304-E-70, which is located in a R-1 Single Family Residential Zoning District was denied at its November 6, 2024 Hearing.
 - ii. Rezoning requests of several parcels – it is recommended that the interested parties apply for Use Variances through the Zoning Hearing Board.

5. *Accounts & Finances. – Report by Councilperson Artim*

- a. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-007** – adopting the Annual Budgets for the 2025 Fiscal Year. Second and Third Readings and consideration have been advertised for the December 3, 2024 Council Meeting.

- b. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-008** – adopting the Tax Millage for the 2025 Fiscal Year. Tax millage will remain 23 mills. Second and Third Readings and consideration have been advertised for the December 3, 2024 Council Meeting.
- c. 2025 Budget Resolutions
 - i. Water Rate Fee – proposing 7.5% increase (MAWC increase is 3.6%) Residents should expect 5 to 7.5% increase per year over the next 3 years.
 - ii. Municipal Fees – proposing 10% increase (County Hauling increase is 7.5%).

6. Treasurer Dept. – Report by Maureen Strahl

7. Engineer – Report by Laura Branthoover

8. Solicitor – Report by Myron Sainovich

9. City Manager – Report by Douglas Sample

- a. Home Rule Charter was approved. We are currently waiting for Allegheny County to confirm the write-in candidates. To have sufficient votes to claim a write in position, that person must have at least the number of write in votes as was required for petition candidates (29 votes), thereafter it is based on most votes received.

10. Police Dept. – Report by Chief William Shaw

11. Fire Dept. – Report by Chief Frank Cobb

12. Police Citizen Review Board – Report by Debra Chaffin

OLD BUSINESS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:30 PM.
2. **Santa Claus is Coming to Town** – People Residing in Duquesne Equally (PRIDE) will be co-sponsoring Santa Claus Coming to Town and Light Up Night on Sunday, December 1, 2024 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Please visit www.duquesnepa.us for specific schedule.

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ADJOURNMENT