

City of Duquesne Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

Meeting held in person and remotely using Zoom

Call to Order:

- Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

- **Present:**
 - Councilperson Washington
 - Councilperson Adams (online)
 - Councilperson Artem
 - Councilperson Brownfield
 - Mayor Adams
- **Others Present:**
 - City Manager Douglas Sample
 - City Engineer Laura Branthoover
 - Solicitor Myron Sainovich
- **Excused:**
 - None

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

1. **Eric Madsen (617 Richford Street):**
Addressed concerns about parking signs and enforcement, the no parking area on Richford and Overland, and code enforcement issues.
2. **James Williams (603 Venture Street):**
Inquired about sidewalk repairs and street damage affecting curb installation.
3. **Jamie Gatewood (107 Overland Avenue):**
Requested to table the ordinance concerning parking for further discussion and clarity.

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of the June 4, 2024, consent agenda, including the bill list.
 - **Motion:** Councilperson Artem
 - **Second:** Councilperson Brownfield
 - **Motion carried:** 5-0

New Business:

1. **Public Safety Report by Mayor Adams:**

- Second and third reading of ordinance 2024-01 regulating commercial recreational vehicles and no parking on Grand Avenue during school drop-off.
 - **Motion to adopt ordinance 2024-01:**
 - **Motion:** Councilperson Washington
 - **Second:** Councilperson Artem
 - **Motion carried:** 5-0
2. **Special Event Request:**
- Approved a party request for June 12th between 5-9 PM at the Memorial Park.
3. **EEOC Meeting:**
- Discussed the need for a venue for a community meeting targeted for the end of June.

Public Works Report by Councilperson Washington:

- Provided updates on grass cutting, alley clearing, and new street signs.
- Mentioned the home dedication for Earl Father Hines on June 18th.

Water Department Report by Councilperson Adams:

- Reported on certifications for employees and upcoming projects.

Community and Economic Development Report by Councilperson Brownfield:

- Discussed the youth recreational survey and parade details.
 - **Motion to authorize the solicitation of a youth recreational survey:**
 - **Motion:** Mayor Adams
 - **Second:** Councilperson Artem
 - **Motion carried:** 5-0

Finance Report by Councilperson Artem:

- Reviewed the bill list and attended a merger meeting with U.S. Steel and Nippon Steel.

Treasurer's Report by Mr. Strong:

- Reported tax collection of \$1,247,823 as of May 31st.

Engineer's Report by Laura Branthoover:

- Discussed the Multimodal Transportation Fund program grant application due at the end of July.

Solicitor's Report by Myron Sainovich:

- No additional items to report beyond the previous meetings.

City Manager's Report by Mr. Sample:

- No further report.

Community Announcements:

1. **Upcoming Council Meeting:**
 - Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 6:30 PM.
 - July 23rd workshop and August 6th council meeting canceled for summer recess.
2. **Home Dedication for Earl Father Hines:**
 - June 18th at 600 Priscilla Avenue, 11:00 AM.
3. **Gun Violence Prevention Day:**
 - June 15, 2024, from 1-4 PM at Grant Memorial Park.
4. **Duquesne Children's Business Fair:**
 - July 27th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Memorial Park.
5. **Community Day Parade:**
 - August 11th, starting at 11:00 AM, from 4th and Grant towards Polish Hill.

Public Comments:

- **Eric Madsen:**
Raised concerns about streetlight repairs and new stop signs.
- **Jamie Gatewood:**
Inquired about appealing the ordinance and raised concerns about harassment.
- **Tom Olanek:**
Asked about street closures for the gun violence march and protection of the memorial park.
- **Councilperson Adams:**
Discussed fire department repairs and the need for emergency funding.

Adjournment:

- **Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM:**
 - **Motion:** Councilperson Washington
 - **Second:** Councilperson Brownfield
 - **Motion carried:** 5-0

Adjourned at: 7:04 PM

Mayor R. Scott Adams

City Manager Douglas Sample