

City of Duquesne Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 3, 2024

Time: 6:15 PM (Public Hearing), 6:30 PM (Council Meeting)

Location: City Hall, Duquesne, PA

Public Hearing - Dangerous Structures

Meeting Start: 6:16 PM

Roll Call:

- Councilperson Washington - Present
- Councilperson Adams - Present
- Councilperson Artem - Present
- Councilperson Brownfield - Present
- Mayor Adams - Present

City Manager: Mr. Sample provided a list of properties to be declared as dangerous structures:

- Addresses included properties on South Fifth Street, South Seventh Street, Arles Street, Claire Street, Earl Street, and Irwin Street.

Public Comments:

- A resident spoke about the dangerous condition of 123 South Fifth Street, emphasizing that the porch had collapsed, posing a danger to children.

Council Discussion:

- Council confirmed all structures listed did not meet the required standard for habitation and deemed them dangerous.

Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing:

- **Motion by:** Councilperson Washington
- **Seconded by:** Councilperson Brownfield
- **All in favor:** Aye
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing:** 6:22 PM

Council Meeting

Meeting Start: 6:30 PM

Roll Call:

- Councilperson Washington - Present

- Councilperson Adams - Present
- Councilperson Artem - Present
- Councilperson Brownfield - Present
- Mayor Adams - Present

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance: Held prior to the start of the meeting.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

- A resident expressed interest in acquiring a property listed as dangerous on Ball Street.

New Business:

1. Public Safety - Ordinance First Reading (2024-02):

- Proposal for no parking on Crawford Avenue between South Fifth Street and Mifflin Street. This is due to safety concerns for children walking to school.
- Council agreed it would be a 24-hour parking restriction.

2. Public Works Report (Councilperson Washington):

- Motion to ratify adoption of Resolution 2024-05 requesting a grant of \$280,000 from the Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund for Phase 2 of Duquesne Memorial Park improvements.
 - **Motion by:** Councilperson Brownfield
 - **Seconded by:** Councilperson Artem
 - **All in favor:** Aye
 - **Motion carried:** 5-0
- Motion to submit a pre-application for a Community Development Block Grant for the renovation of the Public Works building.
 - **Motion by:** Councilperson Artem
 - **Seconded by:** Councilperson Brownfield
 - **All in favor:** Aye
 - **Motion carried:** 5-0

3. Water Department (Councilperson Adams):

- Plans to meet with city officials regarding the upcoming submission of water system requirements to DEP.

4. Community and Economic Development (Councilperson Brownfield):

- First reading of Ordinance 2024-03, adopting the 2024 Property Maintenance Code.
- Discussion on a proposal for installing electric vehicle charging stations. Further investigation into the vendor is needed.

5. **Finance (Councilperson Artem):**

- The city will begin preparing the budget for the upcoming year.

6. **Legal (Solicitor Myron):**

- Council approved a motion to declare the properties listed during the 6:15 PM hearing as dangerous structures.
 - **Motion by:** Mayor Adams
 - **Seconded by:** Councilperson Washington
 - **All in favor:** Aye
 - **Motion carried:** 5-0
- Solicitor outlined the process for zoning changes requested by residents for businesses, specifically a laundromat proposal.

Public Comments (Open to all):

- A resident expressed concerns about parking and street conditions on Richard Street and Overland Avenue.
- Another resident raised concerns about sidewalk conditions and parking regulations around Overland Avenue.
- A question was raised regarding whether properties on the dangerous structures list can still be purchased, to which the answer was affirmative.

Meeting Adjournment:

- **Motion by:** Councilperson Artem
- **Seconded by:** Councilperson Brownfield
- **All in favor:** Aye
- **Adjournment:** 7:17 PM

Mayor R. Scott Adams

City Manager Douglas Sample