

**City of Duquesne**  
**Workshop Agenda**  
Tuesday, April 30, 2024  
6:30 pm

Meeting being held in person and remotely using ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5251078707?pwd=Z01uVXlMMlZaYm5BazJnYmR4Mw51QT09#success>

**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 – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Council Meeting
- b. Bill List – none

**MOTION: to approve the April 30, 2024 Consent Agenda.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Public Safety – Report by Mayor Scott Adams**
  - a. No Parking Ordinance – Overland Avenue between Clearview Avenue and Richford Street and Grant Avenue by School
- 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. Project Administration Agreement w/ Steel Rivers Council of Government (SRCOG) – pursuant to the administrative requirements for the administration of

a formal agreement is needed by the SRCOG act as an agent and administer said projects on behalf of Duquesne. This is a standard agreement that SRCOG has with its other member municipalities. This will be voted on at the May 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

- b. Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) – PRT will be applying to the Federal Transit Administration’s current round of funding for Safe Streets and Roads for All. PRT’s application seeks funding to implement the Homestead to McKeesport Corridor plan and request supplemental planning funds to solidify the link between this plan and PRT’s ongoing University Line BRT project. The plan emphasizes pedestrian infrastructure improvements at intersections with high turn movements and pedestrian crossings to create safer conditions, focusing on reducing injuries and deaths for people who are walking or rolling. PRT is asking for a Letter of Support. This will be voted on at the May 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
- c. Duquesne Children’s Business Fair – request use of Polish Hill Park on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 4 PM for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Duquesne Children's Business Fair. The event is being hosted by the Duquesne by Acton Children's Business Fair and How to HR. This will be voted on at the May 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
- d. Daevion's Place of Resilience – request to use Grant Street Park to host a Gun Violence Prevention Day on June 15, 2024 from 1-4 pm. This event is a call to action for parents, guardians, men, women, children, churches, and organizations to join together for a day of fun and healing. The primary goal is to provide resources to families that will aid in ending community violence. This will be voted on at the May 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
- e. Community Day Parade – plans are being finalized for the parade on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 starting at 10 AM on 4<sup>th</sup> and Grant and proceed upwards towards Polish Hill Park.
- f. Donation Request – green space improvements to vacant area on Priscilla Avenue between Fifth and Fourth Street

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

**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. Congress of Neighboring Communities (CONNECT)

b. Home Rule Charter  
i. Next Steps

1. Those running for GSC must obtain signatures of registered voters of at least 2% of votes cast in last gubernatorial election (will need approximately 30-35 signatures to get on the ballot for the November 5<sup>th</sup> Election).
2. GSC will either recommend no change after 9 months of study or must produce report to DCED with proposed changes after 18 months.
3. Following review by DCED, the Home Rule Charter Adoption will be on the next regularly scheduled election to either accept or reject the charter as a whole. The earliest a Home Rule Charter could be on the ballot for the voters to decide would be General Election in November, 2026.

***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, May 7, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

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**ADJOURNMENT**