

City of Duquesne
Council Agenda
Tuesday, May 7, 2024
6:30 pm

Meeting being held in person and remotely using ZOOM:

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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 30, 2024 Council Meeting
- b. Bill List – May 7, 2024

MOTION: to approve the May 7, 2024 Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Public Safety – Report by Mayor Scott Adams**
 - a. Hiring of Police Officer(s)

MOTION: move to hire Caleb Black as a City of Duquesne Police Officer.

- b. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-01** – Parking Regulations regarding the following: 1) No Parking on Overland Avenue (Clearview Avenue and Richford Street) and Grant Avenue (Adjacent to School); and 2) Restrictions regarding Recreational and Commercial Vehicles. The ordinance will be voted on at the June 4, 2024 meeting.

2. *Public Works – Report by Councilperson Elaine Washington*

- a. Public Works Building Condition Assessment

MOTION: to authorize City Engineer and Manager to solicit funding opportunities for the repair/replacement of the Public Works Building.

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.

MOTION: to enter into the Project Administration Agreement with the Steel Rivers Council of Governments for the administration of grant projects.

- 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.

MOTION: move to authorize the City Manager to submit a letter of support for the Pittsburgh Regional Transit funding request to implement the Homestead to McKeesport Corridor Plan.

- c. Duquesne Children’s Business Fair – request use of Polish Hill Park on Saturday, July 27 from 11 AM to 4 PM for the 3rd annual Duquesne Children's Business Fair. The event is being hosted by the Duquesne by Acton Children's Business Fair and How to HR.

MOTION: move to allow the Duquesne Children’s Business Fair to use Polish Hill Park on Saturday July 27th from 11 AM to 4 PM.

- d. Daevion's Place of Resilience – request to use Grant Street Park to host a Gun Violence Prevention Day on Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 1 to 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.

MOTION: move to allow Daevion's Place of Resilience to use Grant Street Park on Saturday June 15th from 1 to 4 PM.

- e. Community Day Parade – plans are being finalized for the parade on August 3rd, 2024 starting at 10 AM on 4th and Grant and proceed upwards towards Polish Hill Park.

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. Steel Rivers COG US Steel Mon Valley Works Letter – for our communities to survive, the US Steel Mon Valley Works must remain open AND owned by a responsible steel maker who will invest in each facility to upgrade them to meet our Nation's industry goals for 2030 and 2050.

- 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 5th 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 28, 2024 at 6:30 PM.
2. **Home Dedication of Earl “Fatha” Hines at 600 Pricilla Avenue June 18th at 11 AM** – Fatha was born in Duquesne on December 28, 1903 (passed away on April 22, 1983). He was an American jazz pianist, bandleader, and composer whose unique playing style made him one of the most influential musicians in jazz history.

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ADJOURNMENT