

**City of Duquesne
Council Agenda**
Tuesday, March 03, 2026
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 Derek Artim
Councilperson Denise Brownfield
Councilperson Leonard Evagues
Mayor R. Scott Adams**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Review of Minutes – January 5th, January 27th, and February 3rd, 2026
- b. Bill List – January, 2026

MOTION: to approve the March 3, 2026 Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Safety – Report by Mayor Scott Adams

- a. Board and Commission Vacancies
 - i. Planning Commission Appointments (4-Year Terms)

**1. Jake Zabelsky to the Planning Commission for a term to expire
December 31, 2029**

2. William Bevan to the Planning Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2027

ii. Zoning Hearing Board Appointment (3-Year Terms)

1. Gary Smith to the Zoning Hearing Board for term to expire on December 31, 2028

2. Gloria Coulverson to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill a vacancy for term to expire on December 31, 2026

2. Public Works – Report by Councilperson Elaine Washington

3. Water Dept. – Report by Councilperson Leonard Evagues

- a. Duquesne Street Reconstruction and Lead/Copper Line Inventory and Replacement Contract Award. This project combines several grant sources (2023 LSA Water, CD48, and CD50) for a total of \$619,920 in funding. Four (4) bids were received and the lowest bidder for the Base Bid was Niando Construction, Inc. with a bid of \$686,359.25. The City has budgeted funds for the remaining difference.

MOTION: to award the Duquesne Street Reconstruction and Lead/Copper Line Inventory and Replacement Contract Award to Niando Construction, Inc. with the low bid of \$686,359.25.

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

- a. Polish Hill Basketball Court Resurfacing – motion to accept Sports and Recreation Association, LLC COSTAR’s bid of \$27,500 to resurface and re-stripe the basketball court at Polish Hill Park.

MOTION: to accept Sports and Recreation Association, LLC COSTAR’s bid of \$27,500 to resurface and re-stripe the basketball court at Polish Hill Park.

- b. Wayfinding Study – Eight (8) RFQs were submitted and three (3) were selected for the further study. Of those 3 firms, Environmental Planning and Design was selected as the best firm by the Selection Committee (COG, Allegheny County, Council, and Manager). This study is being paid for with grant funds.

MOTION: to accept Environmental, Planning, and Design’s proposal to perform a Wayfinding Study for the City of Duquesne.

- c. **Easter Egg Hunt -- PRIDE (People Residing in Duquesne Equally)**, co-sponsor, along with the city and the Duquesne PartnerSHIP, the annual community Easter Egg Hunt celebration is requesting the use of Clark Street and Polish Hill Park on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

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*

a. Disposition of Real Estate – 32 S. 6th Street

9. *City Manager – Report by Douglas Sample*

a. Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement – a cable television franchise fee is an annual fee charged by a local government to a private cable television company as compensation for using public property it owns as right-of-way for its cable.

MOTION: to approve the Franchise Agreement between the City of Duquesne and Verizon Pennsylvania LLC (Verizon) pending review and approval by the City’s Solicitor.

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(s)** – Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

2. **Home Rule Government Study Commission** – Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

3. **Easter Egg Hunt** -- PRIDE (People Residing in Duquesne Equally), co-sponsor, along with the city and the Duquesne PartnerSHIP, the annual community Easter Egg Hunt celebration will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026 in Polish Hill Park from Noon to 2 PM.

4. **Rain Barrel Event** – Pennsylvania Resources Council ([PRC](#)) received a grant from the American Water Charitable Foundation to provide a free [Watersheds & Rain Barrels Workshop](#). This workshop will take place on Wednesday, March 18th, 2026 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at City Hall. Please visit <https://prc.org/RainDuquesne> to register.

5. **Mon Valley Public Health and Welfare Funds** – the City will be passing out free cleaning supplies on Wednesday, March 18th, 2026 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at City Hall. ***Must register for the Rain Barrel Event to receive the cleaning supplies.***

6. **The McKeesport-Duquesne Bridge (S.R. 2114)** will undergo major preservation construction from 2026 through 2028, featuring several full closures beginning in Mid-March 2026 and 2027, and a 2.5-month closure in 2028. While two lanes of traffic (one in each direction) will generally be maintained, these closures are required for extensive repairs.

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ADJOURNMENT