

City of Duquesne
Workshop Agenda
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
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

At this time, citizens may address the Council of Duquesne on any issue appearing on today's agenda. Only residents and taxpayers of the City of Duquesne will be permitted to address the Council. Comments on non-agenda items will be taken at the end of tonight's meeting. Speakers will be permitted to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes. Groups of people will be required to designate a spokesperson to represent them before the Council who may speak for a maximum of 10 minutes. Speakers are asked to use the microphone at the speaker's stand, clearly state their name and address for the record and keep comments brief and to the point. Please spell your name for the record and sign in on the sign in sheet.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Review of Minutes – February 25th, March 25th, April 1st, June 24th, and July 1st, 2025
- b. Bill List – July 31, 2025

Will be voted on at the September 2, 2025 Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Safety – Report by Mayor Scott Adams

- a. Proclamation for Eugene “Gene” Capristo

2. Public Works – Report by Councilperson Elaine Washington

- a. 2025 Multimodal Grant – reconstruction of S. 2nd and 5th Streets

MOTION: to ratify Resolution 2025-010 requesting a grant of \$367,299.97 from 2025 Multimodal for street reconstruction.

- b. 2025 GEDTF Grant – renovation of Public Works Building

MOTION: to ratify Resolution 2025-011 requesting a grant of \$500,000 from 2025 GEDTF for the renovation of the Public Works Building.

3. *Water Dept. – Report by Councilperson Aaron Adams*

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

- a. 2022 Act 152 Demolition Grant – 3 bids were received for the demolition of 600, 602, 604, and 606 Crawford Ave. The lowest bidder was DJ Demolition Services at \$24,900.00.

MOTION: to ratify the award of the 2022 Act 152 Demolition Grant to DJ Demolition with a low bid of \$24,900.00.

- b. CDBG Year 52 Demo Grant – 1010 Kennedy Avenue
- c. Tree Pittsburgh – Duquesne Releaf Planning Effort
- d. Allegheny County Vacant Property Program – this program allows individuals/entities to acquire vacant and blighted properties. The City is required to complete an Assessment of the Property being requested, confirm the applicant has no outstanding Code Violations at their primary residence, and pass a Resolution that subsequent disposition of the property would be in accordance with the comprehensive plan of the Municipality.

John Gyure, 1114 Wool St. (379-E-324) – motion will be voted on at the September 2, 2025 meeting.

- e. Public Hearing on upcoming Demolitions – the Public Hearing on September 2, 2025 at 6:15 PM to certify properties for demolition has been rescheduled for October 28th, 2025 at 6:15 PM.
- f. Zoning Hearing Board – held a Public Hearing on June 20, 2025 and voted to **approved/deny** Carolyn Thomas’s request for a SPECIAL EXCEPTION to operate a day care and request a parking VARIANCE for the same at 1050 Grant Avenue, which is in an R-1 District.
- g. Planning Commission – held its meeting on July 9, 2025 at 5 PM and recommended approval that Pittsburgh Arcade Collective be allowed to operate a Commercial Recreation Facility at 24 S. 1st 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*
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, September 2, 2025 at 6:30 PM.
2. **Home Rule Government Study Commission** – Monday, September 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

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ADJOURNMENT