

MAY 30, 2023 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

6:32PM: Call to order, moment of silence & Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Adams, Councilpersons Adams & Artim present. Absent Councilpersons Caldwell & Washington (sick).

Motion by Mayor Adams and second by Council person Adams to approve Consent Agenda for May 30, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Mayor's report will be submitted on June 6, 2023.

The following items will be on the agenda June 6, 2023:

Proclamation from County Council Bob Macy for Sgt Vroman.

SRCOG will be at City Hall assisting residents with Home Repair applications. Councilperson Adams requested to try and have other utility companies join function.

2023 Act 152 application should be submitted including 1036 Lincoln, 314 W. Grant Ave, 620 W. Grant Ave and 28 Overland Ave.

No discussion on Fire Department since the Chief was not available.

The following items will need motions: Appointment of Sam Sulkosky to City Manager and Letter of support for SRCOG Training Complex in Elizabeth Township.

PUBLIC WORKS: Need to advertise the position of Public Works Director/Code Enforcement. If all agree to job descriptions.

Motions needed for Pest-B-Gone Service and SRCOG Street Sweeper Agreements.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Report will be submitted on June 6, 2023. Councilperson Adams asked for status on Water study from City Engineer and also status on solid waste collection bid. To be provided on June 6, 2023. Mayor Adams asked if we can look into renegotiating our contract with PA American Water concerning fees we charge for services provided.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mayor Adams asked that Qualin Hawkins be allowed to address Council concerning Youth Football. They requested the use several days a week throughout the summer. Mayor Adams suggested working together to make sure every group has a chance to use the facility. Also discussed was the use of concession stand and restrooms.

CITY ENGINEER submitted report and updated Council on all new application for Grants.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE: Report will be submitted. Resolutions will be needed for updating signatories on bank accounts at First Commonwealth and Century Heritage Federal

Credit Union. Also, need a motions to add PLGIT as a depository and to approve Budget Reports for 3-31-2023 and 4-30-2023.

TREASURER REPORT: Will be submitted June 6, 2023.

SOLICITOR REPORT: Mr. Sainovich advertised a meeting on June 6, 2023 at 6:15 for the purpose of a hearing concerning 9 structures; 5 under CD 48 Demolition and 4 under Act 152 through SRCOG. He also stated he will be contacting Lawyers concerning our Pump renovation project.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Mr. Sulkosky made Council aware of Insurance renewal effective May 31, 2023.

He also stated the City of Duquesne was approved into the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program.

The temporary Administrative Asst ended her assignment effective 5-30-2023. A new Admin Asst will be sought through Peoples Share.

He also advised Council to move forward with Public Works/Code Enforcement search.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Report will be available on June 6, 2023.

ACT 47 COORDINATOR: Report submitted on May 19, 2023 recommending Duquesne exit Act 47 Status. There will be a Public Comment meeting on June 8, 2023 at 5:30PM. A final hearing with DCED sometime in July.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Will be submitted June 6, 2023.

CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Pat Bluett asked for questions to be looked into: 1) Reconstruction of Thompson Bridge because of previous accident. 2) Status of Class Action suit against US Steel. 3) Wildlife traps and 4) Port-a-johns at the Polish Hill Ballfields.

Representatives from Christ Lutheran Church made Council aware they would like to hold an appreciation Luncheon for City Workers and Staff. July 12, 2023 from 11AM-1PM is the time.

Rosia Reid is pleased the City and Youth Football are working together as well as the Veterans Flag program will be starting.

Mr. Sikora addressed the water problems in the Duquesne Place area. Councilperson Adams stated the City is aware and an outside agency has been contacted to assist.

A motion was made by Councilperson Artim and second by Councilperson Adams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0. Adjourned 7:40PM.

Mayor R. Scott Adams 

City Manager Samuel Sulkosky 