

Rankin Borough

Call to Order:

The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

Roll Call:

Cinnamon Coprich
Glenn Ford
Aaron Gibson Jr.
Walter Sewell
Arlena Strong
Gaye Velar

Absent With Cause:

Cinnamon Coprich
Aaron Gibson Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcement: The meeting is being recorded only for the transcription of the minutes.

Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda as presented, Arlena Strong moved, 2nd by Glenn Ford, all in favor.

Minutes: A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the council meetings held May 13, 2025 min as presented.

Presentations:

- **Rivers of Steel- Ashley, spoke about ongoing initiatives, and the upcoming street mural.**
- **Tree Pittsburgh- Clairem spoke about the relief plan.**
- **Industrial Art Workshop-Tim, spoke on upcoming “public art” program, Summer Camp programs.**
- **Rankin Christian Center- Sterling Stone, spoke on upcoming Juneteenth Celebration.**

Public Comment on Agenda Items: (3 Minute Limit)

Carl Lewis- Confused on why 1st two motions read on the agenda the way they did.

John Gilroy- Spoke on prior playground project grant status, he stated “ why put more into a playground that nobody uses”

New Business:

1. **Motion to table Ordinance 587 authorizing condemnation and taking by eminent domain by the Borough of a parcel of property known as 99 Harriet Street, Block and Lot 178-S-345, to allow for continued negotiations with the property owner to take place before the July 2025 public meeting at which time the Ordinance may be reconsidered for enactment.** Arlena Stong (moved), 2nd by Glenn Ford, all in favor.
2. **Motion to adopt Ordinance 587 authorizing the Borough to commence and process through conclusion condemnation and taking by eminent domain proceedings to condemn and take, for public park and public sport and recreational use, a parcel of property known as 99 Harriet Street, Block and Lot 178-S-345 now or formally owned by Triton Holdings, LLC. (NOT VOTED ON AT ALL, since #1 was approved)**



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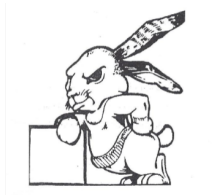
3. **Motion to Award the contract for the Rankin Blvd Project to Mele & Son, Inc., for the Total Bid Price of \$547,370.00. Moved by Arlena Strong, 2nd by Glenn Ford, all in favor.**
4. **Motion to hire Joseph Carlton Jr, as a part-time DPW employee of Rankin Borough. Moved by Arlena Strong, 2nd by Glenn Ford, all in favor.**
5. **A motion to approve and pay the bills. Moved by Arlena Strong, 2nd by Glenn Ford, all in favor.**

Committee Reports:

- *Solicitor's Report- None*
- *Engineer Report- Update on Rankin Blvd Capital Project*
- *DPW Report- Sewer drain cleaning, and Clean Ways*
- *Police Regionalization Report- Joelisa McDonald (mayor)*
- *Mayor's Report- Joelisa McDonald (Mayor)*
- *EMS Report- Walter Sewell*
- *Fire Report- Walter Sewell*
- *Code Report- No Report*
- *Borough Manager Report- Terri Lawson*

Announcements:

- **Rankin Borough's/ Rankin Christian Center "Juneteenth" Celebration, Thursday, June 12, 2025 (this will be an All Day celebration).**
- **Rankin Community Day (AKA) "Rankin Rodeo" , Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 1pm-6pm.**
- **Woodland Hills Community Day @ the (WHIC), Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 11am-2pm.**
- **Annual "Antwon Rose" Event, Saturday July 12, 2025 at the Woodland Hills Impact Center.**
- **Rankin Street Sweeping will continue to take place, the 1st and 4th Monday of each month, with the (even street side being cleaned on the FIRST MONDAY, and the odd street side being cleaned on the FOURTH MONDAY) with the exception of the upcoming month of SEPTEMBER, please adhere to the street cleaning signs posted on each street and the schedule posted online.**
- **Allegheny Clean Ways will continue to clean-up the Borough of Rankin every Sunday throughout the remainder of Summer.**



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Public Comment: Please State Name & Address (3 Minute Limit)

Nichole Miller- "What did we spend one million dollars on"?

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm., motioned by Glenn Ford, 2nd by Walter Sewell, all in favor.