

May 27, 2026

The May 27th meeting of Denver Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmember's present: Stewart, Ritz, Trigg, South, Stover, and Flory. The invocation was given by Councilman Ritz, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Citizen's Concerns

There were no citizen's concerns to discuss.

Public Hearing – 2026 Community Development Block Grant Application for the Spruce Street Water Main Replacement Project – Phase II.

Councilman Flory opened the public hearing to discuss the Borough of Denver's proposed 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for funding for the Spruce Street Water Main Replacement Project – Phase II. Borough Manager Michael Hession stated that the purpose of this hearing is to discuss needs in the community which the Borough of Denver is planning to address with funds available under Lancaster County's Fiscal Year 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Borough of Denver will apply for \$300,000.00 in grant funding for the Spruce Street Water Main Replacement Project - Phase II which is designed to replace 930 linear feet of six-inch (6") cast iron water main on Spruce Street between North 5th Street and North 7th Street with 930 linear feet of six-inch (6") ductile iron water main; the installation of new water service lines from the new water main to the shut-off valves for each of the six (6) residential properties on Spruce Street; the installation of five (5) new water main street valves; the installation of three (3) new fire hydrants and three (3) fire hydrant valves; and, the repaving of the water main and water service line trenches with base repair in anticipation of a future roadway paving. This project will ensure public health; drive economic stability and growth; protect local water resources; and, preserve an overall high quality of life in Denver Borough. As part of the grant application process, the Borough is required to hold a public hearing to provide residents with the opportunity to comment on this grant application and any other needs in the Borough.

Jeff Murry, owner of 630 Spruce Street, asked if there is a plan to see showing which houses will be getting new water services. Mr. Hession provided a copy of the site plan on the projector screen for the project and explained that this plan set is accessible on the Borough's website. Mr. Hession also stated that six (6) homes on the 500 and 600 blocks of Spruce Street are connected to the existing water main on Spruce Street and all six (6) properties will receive new water service lines and curb stops. Discussion followed concerning the current water main replacement project on the 400 block of Spruce Street which is being funded through a 2025 CDBG program grant as Phase I and the goal to complete this Phase II water main replacement project prior to the repaving of Spruce Street via a PennDOT grant.

Mr. Murry asked whether the new ductile iron water main will be installed parallel with the existing water main so that the service will not be interrupted for the residents. Mr. Hession responded that if grant funding is received, the new water main will be installed while the existing water main is active and then the water services will be connected to the new water main. Once that is complete, the existing cast iron water main will be cut and abandoned in place. Water service to residents will be disrupted only when the new water service line is being installed from the new water main to the new curb stop.

The Borough confirmed that the new water service lines to be installed will be copper which also will help the Borough meet the EPA's mandate to inventory and eliminate any galvanized and/or lead service lines in the water system. The new water service line will be installed into a new water shutoff valve on the property by the curb.

Mr. Murry asked how long Phase II of this project will take to complete and the Borough estimated between one (1) and two (2) months once funding is secured, the project is bid, a contract is awarded, and the contractor receives a notice to proceed and mobilizes to the site. Discussion followed concerning the grant application and approval process timeline and the phasing of this project as part of other infrastructure improvements in the Borough on Spruce Street including paving, ADA ramps, and formation of the bicycle boulevard.

Mr. Murry asked why Spruce Street was chosen for this multi-phase water main replacement. Mr. Hession explained that the 400 block of Spruce Street had multiple water line breaks in the past which caused concern regarding the condition of the 74-year-old cast iron water main. The Borough also replaced a section of cast-iron water main on Spruce Street by North 9th Street as part of the Denver Park Water Main Extension Project. Borough Council indicated that the Borough is implementing plans to replace aging infrastructure in the community. The Borough is planning coordinated infrastructure repairs including improving multimodal accessibility and paving on Spruce Street to link the North 4th Street Playground with the Denver Memorial Park, installing the Borough's first bicycle boulevard, and replacing the aging water infrastructure before Spruce Street is repaved and new ADA ramps are installed through a PennDOT special highway grant.

Mr. Murry also asked if the project moves forward, will that be at no cost to the residents. Mr. Hession confirmed that the Borough will be applying for a \$300,000.00 CDBG grant and will match that grant with \$40,000.00 in Denver Borough Water Funds so the installation of the new water main, valves, fire hydrants, new service lines, and new water shut-off valves will be at no cost to the residents living on Spruce Street. Following the completion of the new water main and prior to the paving of Spruce Street, the Borough will inspect existing sidewalks and curbs and if there are any improvements required for these items, the property owner will be responsible for curb and sidewalk repairs. Also, as per the new sanitary sewer lateral ordinance, sanitary sewer laterals from the sewer main to the house will need to be inspected and any damage to the lateral will be repaired/replaced prior to paving. Those inspections are good for 10 years.

There being no additional comments, Councilman Ritz made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stewart, to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Action Items

Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stewart, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-19 – A Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Denver, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Borough of Denver to Submit an Application for Community Development Block Grant Funding from the Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority for the Spruce Street Water Main Replacement Project – Phase II. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Hession reported that a copy of the Invoices/Bills List approved by Borough Council during the May 18, 2026 meeting following the review and approval of the President and Vice President of Borough Council, has been provided for each member of Borough Council.

Adjournment

Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Michael Hession
Borough Manager/Secretary

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