



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, May 3, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Invocation:

#### Pledge to the Flag

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

#### Courtesy of the Floor

#### Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. Alan Jennings, 2128 Pennsylvania Street, talked about why Allentown City Council should be bold and invest in its housing stock.

#### Contract Approvals

[15-5849](#)

R83

Authorization for Contract with McMahon Associates, a Bowman Company, in the amount of \$219,800 for improvements at seven existing signalized intersections and one new flashing warning device or traffic signal along Hanover Avenue to provide connection to the existing Downtown Traffic Signal System. This project is a part of a DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant. This was competitively bid, with multiple bidders; contract is for three years and upon written agreement, may be extended for up to an additional two (2) one (1) year periods.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R83 - McMahon Associates](#)  
[Resolution #30634](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues.

Ms. Sarrah McNeill stated that this was done as RFP2022 - 38 and advertised on December 13, 2022. On January 13, 2023 the public opening was held and the city received three proposals. The evaluation committee held both technical and cost evaluations. The proposals were

evaluated based on the ability to meet the RFP requirements. After all the evaluations were conducted, the committee decided not to conduct interviews. The committee made the recommendation based on the firms qualifications and overall score. The committee is recommending an award to McMahon. The city has successfully done business with this vendor before.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. McNeil and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated to make sure they get it done on-time so there is no need to extend the contract.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this is really necessary. For many years, it has been known to the Police Department that this is one of the most dangerous street. Any improvement that you do on Hanover Avenue. She has gotten calls from constituents.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other comments from the dais or the public.

**A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 30634

[15-5851](#)

R84

Authorization for Contract price increase of 10% or more for an existing Contract over \$40,000.00, that was previously Bid and Awarded under City Policies, with A B E Doors & Windows, Inc. in the amount of \$18,878.00, due to an unforeseen accident where one of our vehicles ran into a door at Hibernia Fire Station, therefore, this will be paid for by Risk. This was previously bid for time and materials contract for on-call, on-site Overhead Door replacement, repair, inspection and maintenance, at various City owned and/or operated facilities. The resulting agreement shall include all labor, equipment, licensing, materials, tools, travel and all other items necessary to complete orders on an "as needed" basis. Services will include but not limited to emergency repairs, preventative maintenance, general repairs, and repairs to springs and tracks, as well as door replacements when necessary.

**Attachments:** [R84 - A B E - Contract Increase](#)  
[Resolution #30635](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was just due to an unforeseen accident as one of the city's vehicle hit the Fire Station door. That is why they are

putting the \$18,878 before Council.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that when they did the 2023 Budget, they budgeted based on the expected repairs and maintenance. At that time, they communicated to Council that extraordinary expenses such as somebody running into a overhead door, they would have to come to Council and ask for permission to incur those expenses.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Council and asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

**A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 30635

[15-5850](#)

R85

Authorization for Contract price increase of 10% or more for an existing Contract over \$40,000.00, that was previously Bid and Awarded under City Policies, with Edwards Business Systems in the amount of \$28,657.76 for the yearly auto renewal. This was previously bid for Maintenance services for the City printers.

**Attachments:** [R85 - Edwards - Contract Increase](#)  
[Resolution #30636](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this \$28,657.76 is for a yearly maintenance service for the city's printers. It is for the auto renewals with the 10% CPI increase each year.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. McNeil and asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

**A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 30636

[15-5852](#)

R86

Authorization for Contract with Buckman's, Inc. for pool chemicals for an estimated sum of \$35,000.00. This was competitively bid, one (1) bid was received.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R86 - Buckman's Resolution #30637](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this one is quite obvious and asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

**A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 30637

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-5855](#) April 5, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [April 5, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

[15-5853](#) April 19, 2023 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes (Bill 1 - Entertainment Venue Signs)

**Attachments:** [April 19, 2023 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes \(Bill 1 - Entertainment Venue Signs\)](#)

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

[15-5860](#) April 19, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [April 19, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

## Communications

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that at the last Parking Authority board meeting, one of the issues that they discussed was working with residents who attend City Council meetings. He is pleased to announce that the Parking Authority is providing free parking for folks coming to City Council meetings starting tonight. That works in the government deck next door. To be clear, it does not work at any other decks downtown. Please if you are coming to City Council, and park in the government deck you will receive a receipt for when you arrive, bring the receipt to our Clerk, Mr. Hanlon and he will give you a sticker which you will put in the back of the receipt and that will open up the gate when you leave. There is one hiccup, you have to be out by midnight.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that a few weeks ago, the City Council issued a Proclamation commemorating Harold Boyer. He was the first Black Police Officer in the city of Allentown. They are currently looking into dedicating a city asset in his honor at Valania Park.

**Old Business: NONE**

**REPORTS****COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Special Committee: A Special Committee will be set up to deal with Bill 47 the initiative – probably June 7th, prior to the council meeting.**

**Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Hendricks, Gerlach**  
The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for May 10th at 5:30 PM.

**Community and Economic Development: Chair Mota, Napoli, Affa**  
The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for May 10th at 6:15 PM.

**Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Santos, Zucal, Napoli**  
The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled.

**Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Mota**  
The Committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled.

**Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal**  
The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; a future meeting is not scheduled.

**Public Works: Chair Zucal, Santos, Hendricks**  
The Committee met last week and forwarded items on this evening's agenda; there are no future meetings scheduled.

**Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations, and Strategy: Chair Hendricks, Mota, Gerlach**  
The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

**Controller's Report (3 minutes)**  
**NONE**

**Mayor's Report (3 minutes)**  
Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that it was a busy month. He commended the First Responders that do a fantastic job keeping our community safe. There was an arrest in the homicide of March 23rd. The suspect was arrested. There was a homicide that occurred on the 1100 Block of Maple Street. He is please report that in

order to address the recruiting challenge for the Police Department, the Police Department has launched a website called Join AllentownPD.com which has already resulted in 325 applications. He wants to make sure that Council has the Police Commendation Ceremony for May 17 at Cedar Crest College. He reported a statistic related to Calls for Service for the Allentown Police Department for domestic disturbances. They saw approximately 274 Calls for Service for domestic disturbances, 264 of which were resolved without incident. The Police Officers responded as needed to a potentially dangerous situation and were able to de-escalate the situation and conclude the visit with no arrest with no further consequence. The Allentown Fire Academy is set to open this month. It is a long time coming and had setbacks furniture delivery and electrical work. The EMS team is fully staffed. Call volumes are higher than ever and projected to exceed our 2022 volume. On behalf of CED and Public Works, Intergov is launched in the city of Allentown. It allows our residents, taxpayers, and stakeholders to pay their bills with the use of a credit card. One was executed by PAL in Jordan Park with 180 kids. The city was visited by The Syrian Orthodox Church prior to the Orthodox Easter a significant visit to the city of Allentown and we welcomed his presence here. Easter egg hunts were held across the city. Held the first annual Allentown Film Festival at the Civic Théâtre and Symphony Hall. They welcomed White House Advisory Member, Ruth Santiago to talk about Environmental Justice and Promised Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley. The celebration of Earth Day in the Arts Park. They celebrate with Muhlenberg College a celebration of Fahy Commons for Public Engagement and Innovation. Looking Forward to Movies in the Park on May 19th. He stated that he hoped they come out for the Teams and the PAL Softball tournament. As the city looks forward to Memorial Day, they will spending all month getting ready for the parks opening. They have a need to hire summer playground help. They have about 20 vacancies. He brought to Council's attention, Inside Allentown.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he might have missed it. Are the domestic calls year-to-date or the last month.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated this month. In one month they have 274 calls which are some of the most dangerous calls and are grateful to our police for being able to enter the situations and resolve them without incident.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated kudos to the police. He happened to be at the Academy today and spoke to one of the young officers and he mentioned how you have been very proactive in moving forward with recruitment. He stated that the Mayor's plan is working well and he commended him for that.

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

[15-5830](#)

Bill 32

Amending the General Fund – Department of Public Works Budget to change the title of one (1) Chief Maintenance Supervisor (13N) to Traffic Control Specialist (13N). The step/pay grade will not be affected by this change.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 32 - Traffic Control Specialist Title Change](#)  
[Ordinance #15899](#)

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that this position is a title change. It is a more accurate reflection of the responsibility will be.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated at no cost. He asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was in front of Public Works and was sent favorably.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 15899

[15-5831](#)

Bill 33

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-One (\$182,471.00) Dollars from the unappropriated balance to the School/Pedestrian Safety Improvements capital account. These funds were awarded as a TASA grant to install a new school zone flasher and a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) at 4th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 33 TASA Grant Funds Transfer](#)  
[Ordinance #15900](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was sent favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

**A motion was made by Candida Affa, seconded by Daryl Hendricks, that this Bill be approved.**

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli



Enactment No: 15900

[15-5832](#)

Bill 34

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars from WIP Allentown Redevelopment LLC. The funds will be deposited into an escrow account for payment of invoices from Norfolk Southern for their fees and costs relative to their review of the proposed design and construction of the pedestrian crossing.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 34 Pedestrian Railroad Crossing Appropriation](#)  
[Ordinance #15901](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was sent favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 15901

[15-5833](#)

Bill 35

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Eight Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$830,750.00) Dollars from the unappropriated balance to the Traffic Signal Modernization capital account. These funds were awarded as a MTF-PennDOT grant to install a traffic adaptive system on 15th Street from Tilghman Street to Highland Street and to install a new school flasher at Trexler Middle School.

**Attachments:** [Bill 35 - MTF-PennDOT Grant Funds Transfer](#)  
[Ordinance #15902](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was sent favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments or questions from his colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 15902

[15-5834](#)

Bill 36

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Million One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$1,150,000.00) Dollars from the unappropriated balance to the Hanover Ave Traffic Signal Improvements capital account. These funds were awarded as a MTF-DCED grant to

install a traffic adaptive system on Hanover Avenue from Albert Street to Wahneta Street. This grant also includes installing a new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at Hanover Avenue and Linden Street.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 36 - MTF-DCED Grant Funds Transfer](#)  
[Ordinance #15903](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and stated that this was in your committee, Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was sent favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 15903

#### [15-5835](#)

#### Bill 37

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Fifty-Four Thousand (\$54,000.00) Dollars from the Street Lighting Upgrade (2008) capital accounts to a newly created capital account to cover the match funds needed for a grant. The match funds will cover the purchase of upgraded lighting for this project.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 37 - MLK Lighting Grant Match Transfer](#)  
[Ordinance #15904](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was also sent favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 15904

#### [15-5836](#)

#### Bill 38

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Million Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty (\$1,378,560.00) Dollars from the unappropriated balance to the American Parkway Traffic Signal Improve capital account. These funds were awarded as a Green-Light-Go (GLG) grant to install a traffic adaptive system on American Parkway/Basin Street from Susquehanna Street to

Airport Road.

**Attachments:** [Bill 38 - GLG Grant Funds Transfer](#)  
[Ordinance #15905](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was also sent favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public. This is a lot of projects which will make traveling through the city of Allentown much better going forward. This will be a big plus for the transporting public and the Police Department. Most of it is grant funded. That is a big plus too. You can expect to see more investments coming from various different sources from the Safety and Transportation Network.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that they are working through the acceptance of the \$312,000 grant from the US Department of Transportation for safe roads and streets for all.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 15905

[15-5801](#)

Bill 30 Forwarded with the recommendation to remove the provision that allows parking in alleys.

Amending the Chapter 615, Vehicles and Code, of the City of Allentown Code by increasing the distance a car can be parked from a curb from 6 to 9 inches, allow council by resolution to provide an exemption to parking in front of a private driveway or alongside any street or highway excavation or obstruction, or opposite the same under certain conditions, allowing parking in alleys that are less than 20 feet wide provided there is a 12 foot passage and the car is not parked on the sidewalk, allowing impounded vehicles to be released if the owner is in compliance with a payment plan and re-moving all imprisonment penalties.

**Sponsors:** Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Napoli, Mota and Mr. Zucal

**Attachments:** [Bill 30 Parking Bill](#)  
[Council Proposals APA](#)  
[APA Response to Council Sidewalk-Alley Issues](#)  
[Allentown Parking Authority Legislative and Policy Recommendations](#)  
[Councilor Suggestions/Questions](#)  
[Letter to Honorable City Counsel of Allentown - 3.22.23](#)  
[Allentown Parking Authority Code](#)  
[An Ordinance](#)  
[Ordinance #15898](#)

Mayor Matt Tuerk asked if Council can Suspend the Agenda, Dr. Marcelo Gareca has arrived.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Council can suspend the Agenda to present a Proclamation to the esteemed Doctor.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that Dr. Gareca has been the city's medical advisor for 23 years. He has stood by the city in thick and thin, including COVID where he could not be by our sides at the clinic because he was at the hospital treating patients on ventilators and saving lives. It is a tremendous loss to the city and a tremendous advantage to whoever gets him. Thank you for honoring him tonight.

Council presented Dr. Marcelo Gareca with the Proclamation.

Dr. Marcelo Gareca thanked the Mayor and Council. It is uncalled for, undeserved, and much honored. It has been an absolute pleasure. He always believe in public health and hopes the city continues to support public health. It is a cornerstone for so many things as the most recent outbreak has proven that. He doesn't think many cities has the luxury of the Health Bureau that the city has in the quality of the people and the work that they do and actually they deserve a much bigger diploma than this. He stated that in French, you don't say goodbye. You say I will see you later. He thanked the Mayor and Council and stated that he will see them later.

Mr. Ed Zucal joked to Dr. Marcelo Gareca if he wants to come back, he has to learn Arabic, at least.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked for a Point of Clarification. Remove the entire section and going back to the Parking. The Motion on the floor is to deal with people parked in front of their alley.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that on a street that is less than 20 foot wide.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that basically, the Bill was forwarded last time by a 7 - 0 vote and taking this out. You are now at the Council meeting where you have to do it again.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if the administration come up with any kind of preliminary estimate on how long it would take or what it would look like to do more of a spot by spot situation instead of making it citywide.

Mayor Matt Tuerk asked Mr. Shahda to answer that.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated to Ms. Gerlach to answer your question, they did

look into the request and checked in with the IT team. Unfortunately, they did not have enough time to present the information for you tonight. Given additional time is something that they can accomplish.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other comments from his colleagues.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he has a question about the Bill, but that will be after the Motion is done.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he consulted with Mr. Shahda from Ms. Gerlach's interest. They would probably need six weeks to complete that work in a way that would allow Council to make an informed decision. As you know, there is 440 miles of streets in the city of Allentown. Doing an assessment in our GIS system would require time to get information. You would probably get something close to an estimate for a short amount of time. He feels uncomfortable to provide Council with anything less than a complete.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that if this Motion passes, than that Section will be taken out, we will vote on the rest of the Bill as written and potentially in the future that Section could be brought back as a separate piece of legislation based on the results of Public Works.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it would be brought back as a Traffic Control Amendment to certain alleys.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that is fair enough.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other comments or questions to my colleagues or the public.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if this 20 foot Rule is the law now if someone is parking in the alley. If this is rectified, they will get a ticket.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they can be tickets. He asked if anyone from the public had a comment.

Ms. Betty Cauler stated that without meaning to sound redundant, there are no alley ordinances. The ordinances blocking a garage entrance. She read the blocking a garage entrance section. That is the original ordinance, this stuff is added to the ordinance. People on social media believe it is going to open up all the alleys in the city which is bs. The Parking Authority is just trying to give them some relief from this ordinance and she does not know why it is so difficult for Council to understand.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated she does not know if everyone knows what an amendment is. That may not be universal language.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that any comments you may have to the Motion made to keep the law as is for parking in streets. That is one part in the entire bill.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated if you want to talk about if you may want to park in front of your garage if you have an alley. That is what they are talking about now, alleys. If you want to talk about parking in general, that is about to come up in a couple of seconds.

Ms. April Riddick stated that her mom has lived in her neighborhood for 20 years. They never got tickets. On that whole block it is house owners. People are there for 20 years, 30 years and 40 years. In that particular week, everybody got a ticket. There is no sidewalk back there and different definition to why they got a ticket. If you are going to do this, please take time to notify the residents properly so they are prepared and not slammed with tickets and living off of limited income.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that moving on to the remainder of the Bill. This will maintain all the other items in that Bill. He asked Mr. Hanlon to read it again so that everyone knows those items.

Mr. Michael Hanlon explained the Bill. He stated that the only thing Council removed from that long Bill was that Section on parking by garages. Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any comments. If they are on a payment plan and did not pick up their vehicle from the tow impound lot and have not completed the payment plan, he sees an issue with the amount compounding.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that they spoke about this briefly yesterday. He stated that he thinks this could be an issue. If someone got their car towed for multiple tickets, the plan now is once they are on a payment plan, they can get their car released at the time they get their vehicle out. The daily fee of keeping the car there will continue to go up.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that the Parking Authority can't dictate what A1 Towing does.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he agrees. It puts the citizens at a loss.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it is certainly something they can look at.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that it is something that they can discuss at the next board meeting to see if they can remedy that. It is a valid point that they can learn and come up with a solution.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that most of his thoughts about the Parking Authority has been about the discretion by employees of the Parking Authority. The impound fees could be from \$60 to \$80 per day.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they are discussions they have had at the board.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that imprisonment has been removed. It came up a while ago. It has been discussed for a while. It is great to see that the Parking Authority is saying what was said a year ago.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that the Parking Authority was looking to have some legislation passed statewide through Harrisburg.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that there were also some internal policy changes that is not part of the Bill. Inspections are one of the most written violations in the city. The Board now mandates that the Parking Authority give a one-month grace period. If you do not get the car inspected and June comes around if you do get a violation there is a 15 day grace period to allow you time to get the car inspected, service it, and get it taken care of. Registration, unfortunately there is no control to stop that violation. The board came up with a solution. If you do get a violation and register your vehicle with PennDot within 10 days and provide proof to the Parking Authority, that ticket will be rescinded. Double Parking is one of the biggest problems that they received feedback wise that folks were getting double parking tickets without knowing they got double parking tickets. The board mandated that they purchase sirens or horns. Now, when they pull behind someone that is double parked, they do the horn which is a chirping sound. They have to wait 90 seconds. He talked about the confusion about sidewalks and agreeing as a board and having them use discretion going forward. The Board did mandate that they implement an internal appeal process.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Ms. Betty Cauler stated that she did some measuring of Leh Street. It is not 20 foot wide and there is parking on both sides of the street. She spoke of the information in red.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that on the initial information there was a lot in red.

Ms. Linda Vega, 314 N. Front Street, stated that she was here a couple of weeks ago to add additional parking spaces.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that what you are speaking to now, has to be the Bill that they are on.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that she tried to speak under Courtesy of the Floor. He asked for Council to allow Ms. Vega to speak.

**A motion was made by Candida Affa, seconded by Daryl Hendricks, that this Bill be amended to DELETE SECTION § 615-48 BLOCKING GARAGE ENTRANCE THAT READS FOR STREETS WITH WIDTHS LESS THAN 20 FEET, EXCEPT FOR STREETS CONTROLLED BY PARKING SIGNS, A VEHICLE MAY PARK ON A PORTION OF THE STREET AS LONG AS THERE REMAINS A 12 FOOT PASSAGE WAY FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND THE VEHICLE IS NOT ON A SIDEWALK WITH A CONTINUOUS RUN OF CONCRETE, MACADAM OR OTHER IMPERVIOUS SURFACE FROM STREET TO STREET, WHICH BIND THE STREET UPON WHICH THE VEHICLE IS PARKED.**

**Yes:** 5 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, and Santo Napoli

**No:** 2 - Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Natalie Santos

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Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he is fine with that.

Ms. Linda Vega stated she was here a couple of weeks ago and did not get an answer for adding additional parking on her street. She has photos and asked if someone could reach out to her. Who is responsible for Street signage and parking ordinances? She wants a no parking sign moved from here to there. One of the proposed parking spaces that she is hoping for will probably prevent these per week. (held up tickets) The last time she was here, the Allentown Parking Authority representative stated that they were going to cease that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that ordinances, Council would be responsible for and signage would be the Streets Department.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated to get in contact with Mr. Hanlon and get in contact with Mr. Shahda.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he did that for somebody that made a request for a loading zone. Mr. Shahda had it done the next day. They will get back to her.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that the board also mandated that 24 hour enforcement is no longer. Some of the folks online misinterpreted it. If they were coming back from a dispatch call and saw someone in front of a



hydrant, they would still write that violation. The Parking Authority will not enforce from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM, unless it is a dispatch call or a public safety violation. What will prove the violations is the data.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she think that if she gets a ticket at 11:00 or 11:30 when there is no patrolling and you have it stamped, obviously someone called. This is how you follow up. Did someone call and complain?

Mr. Julio Moreno stated that his problem is the Parking Authority.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this has to be in regards to the Bill that is in front of Council. Not your van.

Ms. Cynthia Mota translated for Mr. Moreno. She told Mr. Moreno that he needed to be here at 6:30 PM for Courtesy of the Floor.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Mr. Moreno to give his name to the Mr. Hanlon and someone will get back to you.

Mr. Pas Simpson stated that he heard a lot and have seen some progress about Parking. He is still hearing them talking about writing tickets that are unnecessary. As a person that is green, that is a lot of paper that they are wasting and a lot of trees that they are killing. Isn't there a contract process that people have to bid for.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Mr. Simpson if he was speaking on the Bill.

Mayor Matt Tuerk asked about J that is related to double parking that has been removed from the Bill. It was a lengthy discussion at the Special Meeting related to double parking and allowing for some accommodations for delivery vehicles.

Attorney Charles Smith stated that there is no amendment to subsection J.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that the Parking Authority will try it out with the horns. He did leave out that Sundays are no longer enforcement days.

Ms. Candida Affa read Council Rules about personal insults or attacks. She stated that she personally takes offence of the way they are treated up here. Insulting the president and calling him names is not appropriate for Courtesy of the Floor. She asked the public to give Council the respect that they deserve. Council does it to them, please do it to them.

Mr. Pas Simpson stated that they don't if they cut them off.

Attorney Charles Smith stated that just for clarification, the sole amendment that was passed was the removal of the language amending Section 615.48.

**This Ordinance was approved.**

Enactment No: 15898

**A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Ordinance be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 15898

## CONSENT AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-5839](#) R82 Public Works, forwarded favorably  
Authorizes encroachment for a pedestrian bridge for residents of 101 N. 6th Street Apartments to safely cross from the roof level of 128 N. 6th Street parking garage to the third floor of the apartment building.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R82 - Permanent Encroachment 101 N 6th Street Encroachment Application 101 N 6th St Resolution #30638](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this is for final passage. It was sent favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments or questions from his colleagues.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 30638

### ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to Committee with public comment prior to referral)

[15-5856](#) Bill 40  
Amending the 2023 General Fund budget to add revenue accounts to the Risk Management Bureau's budget and transfer funds from the

unappropriated balance to fund this payment process change. The adjustment is needed to account for the change to paying all active employee elective health benefit plans upfront instead of relying on manually produced payroll deduction paper checks for payment.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 40 Risk Management Employee Benefits](#)

Ms. Bina Patel asked if it could be moved to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from his colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

[15-5857](#)

Bill 41 Community and Economic Development Committee, forwarded favorably  
Amending the 2023 General Fund budget to allow for a position name change in the Department of Community and Economic Development, Building Standards and Safety changing the Building Inspector Supervisor to the Review Coordinator needing no additional funds.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 41 Position Rename Review Coordinator](#)  
[Ordinance #15907](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15907

[15-5858](#)

Bill 42  
Amending the 2023 General Fund budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars from the Housing Fund for the use of the APA RFP, replacing a piece of aging equipment in the mail room & sundries in the CED-Admin program. These funds were previously encumbered for a CED community engagement program that now lives in the Mayor's office.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 42 - Transfer](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

[15-5859](#) Bill 43 Bill 43 Human Resources, Administration and Appointments, forwarded favorably, 2-1.

The Mayor proposed only changing the Grants Coordinator to an 11 N; someone would need to make this motion.

I move to amend Bill 43 by changing the Grants Coordinator to a 11N (removing all reference to the Manager of Strategic Initiatives) and keep the Executive Assistant at 11N.

Amending the 2023 General Fund budget to accommodate two title changes and a reorganization of positions to allow the Mayor's office to operate more efficiently and prepare for future project work. The General Fund budget be amended by changing the titles of the Grants Coordination Manager (14N) to Manager of Strategic Initiatives (14N) and the Executive Assistant (11N) to Grants Coordinator (11N).

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 43 - Mayor's Office Title Changes](#)  
[Amended Version Bill 43](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

[15-5838](#) Bill 44  
Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$420,000) Dollars from the Trexler Fund to the Jordan Skatepark and WPA Structures capital projects accounts. These funds will be used for Phase 2 of the Skatepark in Jordan Park, project manuals for the repairs to Lehigh Parkway Phase 4 and repairs at Union Terrace Park.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 44 - Skatepark and WPA Transfer](#)  
[Ordinance #15908](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15908

[15-5861](#) Bill 45 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably

Amending § 5-16 Amendments after adoption. C. Rules and regulations on transfers, (3) Intrafund transfers by changing the threshold for Council approval of transfers at a public meeting from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

**Sponsors:** Napoli and Hendricks

**Attachments:** [Bill 45 Transfers](#)  
[Transfers - Resolutions Report](#)  
[Ordinance #15909](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15909

[15-5862](#)

Bill 46 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably Amending § 5-21 Contracts. (1) For the award of contracts or the engagement of professional services by adding a 10,000 threshold for council approval of professional contracts.

**Sponsors:** Hendricks and Napoli

**Attachments:** [Bill 46 Professional Contract Threshold](#)  
[Professional Services Resolutions](#)  
[Ordinance #15910](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Lewis Shupe stated that he is curious why Council feels the need to increase the threshold limit on the contract.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that overtime he believes that with inflation and such the thought is and will be fully explored at the committee meeting.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Council had to approve a contract that was for \$182 and you want to increase the threshold.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Council will certainly speak about it down the road.

REFERRED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15910

[15-5854](#)

Bill 47  
An ordinance introduced as an initiative pursuant to the Home Rule Charter of the City of Allentown approving the creation of a public health pilot

program providing alternative first response to calls for service involving mental and behavioral health, substance use, welfare checks, and "quality of life" complaints such as family and neighbor disputes, issues related to unhoused persons, and calls about suspicious persons; authorizing the expenditure of four million, eighty two thousand dollars (\$4,082,000.00) and calling for a Request for Proposals to be issued.

**Attachments:** [Bill 47 Public Health Pilot Program](#)  
[Bill Public Health Pilot Program](#)  
[Citizens' Rights and Participation \(3\)](#)  
[Sufficient Signatures for Petition](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public.

Ms. Allison Mickel, 1204 W. Market Street, thanked Council and stated that it sounded like at this meeting when the Mayor brought up a story about the police handling a crisis situation in a way that it did not result in an arrest. This discussion might turn to a referendum on police and their ability to do their jobs. That is not what she interprets the referendum. It is really about the city they want Allentown to be.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks reminded everyone that this discussion will be dealt with more fully on June 7th.

Mr. Jon Irons, 1204 W Market Street, stated that he collected several dozen signatures from Allentown residents in support of this initiative. It was an extremely popular thing. It was the singled handedly the easiest thing he collected signatures for.

Mr. Matthew Lo thanked Council for allowing him to speak and stated that he lives in Allentown for all 24 years of his life. He volunteered to collect signatures for the Petition. He spoke on the CAHOOTS program in Eugene, Oregon and Denver's STAR Program have been successful in providing more compassionate and effective responses to mental health and addiction related crisis. He urged Council to consider the benefits of such a program and pass Bill 47 and create a Mobile Community Response Team for Allentown.

Dr. William Vogler, CEO - Pinebrook Family Answers, 402 N. Fulton Street, stated that he has a slightly alternate opinion on Bill 47. They provide mental health and family support services for the neighbor in the neighborhood and have been doing it for a long time. He shares the goals of a lot of what people are saying about the alternative response program. They are already achieving a lot of the goals with some of their current integration of social workers in the Police Department. That \$4 million could be spent on so many other things that Allentown needs: housing,

homelessness, food insecurities, and childcare. If they could take a tenth of that money, they can replicate the two workers that they have right now with the Police Department.

Mr. Rodney Bushe, 777 W. Walnut Street, thanked Council for the opportunity to speak with them. He has a brother that suffers from mental health and oftentimes the presence of a Police Officer does trigger him. This program will give him space to heal and will free up officers to address the violent crimes that are happening in our city. He stated that officers are not equipped to deal with persons that are suffering from the opioid crisis.

Ms. La - Eleya Lopez, 107 N. Seventh Street, stated she thinks this is great and as a Social Worker she is very proud of this. She heard about Pinebrook and believes the budget is a little outrageous. This is centered around being responsive and she is passionate about it being preventative. She stated that the city needs this, but the budget is a little bit too crazy and should allocate the funds to services that are being preventative for mental health care. she stated that she is excited about it, thinks it is important and is going to help liberate our people and bring people together to have a better society.

Ms. April Riddick, 1013 S. Sixth Street, sated that when they asked her to get signatures for this Bill, she thought it was a great idea. The reason why she is saying this is because Allentown is growing. When you grow you are going to get more people here, more problems, and more mental anguish. In Philly, they have this now because it is needed. This mental health advocate being with the Police is needed. She was talking about this with the former Police Chief and police training when it comes to sensitivity and people having mental breakdowns. You need this.

Mr. Victor Martinez, 1125 Colorado Street, stated that he thinks that the fact that they are considering voting for this or taking it into consideration without talking to the Police Chief, without including the Police Chief with something so important as this is actually irresponsible. 911 operators don't work for the city, they work for the county. The county not being included in this conversation and/or this Bill is irresponsible. He suggested that the people proposing this go back to the drawing board, meet with the Chief of Police, meet with the county commissioners, meet with the county executives, meet with the 911 operator and the 911 center.

Mr. James Spang, 435 Ridge Avenue, thanked Council and stated that he represents the Riverfront Civic Association. This issue with the Ordinance and the way it is being proposed is exactly what Mr. Martinez just said. He stated that he made several phone calls and talked to some county officials. He asked the chief of Police and his people. All these mechanics

are in the works. Money is going to be allocated from the state to the county and hopefully trickle down to the city. With the mental health crisis, this is not an Allentown crisis. This is a Lehigh County crisis. It has to be a unified approach with the county and the city and the mental health crisis worker. He urged City Council to form a commission a hold hearings and get all the people at the table, take evidence and write your ordinance supporting the county's efforts to make the mental health response more 24/7, 365.

Ms. Jessica Ortiz stated that she appreciates Mr. Martinez and Mr. Spang. She appreciates everyone's efforts. She played every character in her life: a victim, a gang member, the wife of, and lives on 5th and Tilghman. A lot of money has been invested in the nonprofit sector to do crisis. She is one of the nonprofit workers who millions has been invested in the city of Allentown. A few months ago they were pleading for the Credible Messengers to help with some of the same issues. She asked has anyone knocked on any of the doors of those residents. The police is on her block is once a day. The disrespect to Chief Roca and the administration that he was not included.

Ms. Carol Moeller, 509 N. 6th Street, thanked Council for their service. She has been a resident and homeowner for 25 years. She has disabilities and bipolar and completely functional. She is a professor at a local university. When circumstances comes up with stress and build up, she can end up in a crisis. People don't necessary understand. In 2013 and in August of 2022, someone called the police and had an escalation and disorientation of armed police. It is incredibly upsetting. She was hospitalized and missed three months of teaching.

Mr. Pas Simpson stated that mental health is very important to him. He has a brother that is autistic that will never be able to take care of himself. He also listen to what the Mr. Vogler from Pinebrook Services said. It is very important for Council to make good decision and be financially responsible. He asked Council to move quickly because the city has a growing mental health problem. Before Council votes on how to spend the money, they think about how to include the right people in the conversation.

Ms. Imogen Wirth, 7155 Heather Road, Macungie, stated that she is one of the people that gathered the signatures. It is no secret at all. The ballot initiative is one of the oldest, most democratic mechanisms that voters and constituents have secure representation. That is why this ordinance is getting introduced today in a public forum. The procedures will continue. There is no secret. She stated that Sergeant Leonard said out of the 3,000 calls that were deemed mental health related and that APD responded to, only 352 of those were referred to Pinebrook. They do have a lot of mental



health related repeat calls that are not giving that same level response. They want an on-scene first responder. Violent will still be responded by police. She suggested Council to vote yes, or wait and see in November what the voters of Allentown decides.

Chief Charles Roca from the Allentown Police Department thanked the folks that shared their life experiences and stories. It is important because it provides context. When he was made Chief with a unanimous vote of Council, one of the things he talked about was breaking through barriers and connecting without communities and collaborate. This proposal was not collaborating on what was presented. This was something that went out into the community and did not have input from anybody. In his mind, this meets Police abolitionists goals and defund the police rhetoric. That is not the appropriate way. The men and women of the Allentown Police Department works hard every day. Pinebrook is not the only agency that the Police Department collaborate with. This includes Lehigh County Crisis, Children and Youth, the Health Networks, and Sergeants Lobst that do a lot of good work and getting his doctorate and making sure the CIT trained officers are deescalating in our community and helping out with the people that are most in need and most vulnerable. He went over the Bill that was presented. He stated that police officers are first responders. He talked about the Blue Guardian Program. He talked about Section VI and 911 dispatching. PEMA sets the guidelines for dispatch and the county oversees our dispatchers. The dispatchers receive the calls and sets the responders that goes to it. That does not mean that they do not include the mental health community. He talked about the CIS Program being in full support where they do go on ride along with the police. With the George Floyd protest, the police marched with the people and heard the concerns and heard about the 8 Can't Wait and were doing many of those things. The Allentown Police Department is not Seattle. It is not Philadelphia. It is the city of Allentown. Although they can look comparatively, they can look at what works in Allentown. He submitted to them that the Police Department is moving towards that step. They have the Pilot Program with the CIS workers that \$4 million will definitely serve and improve that situation. The study that they are doing for the Police Center for Innovation and Community Engagement with Cedar Crest College is helping us reach that goal to see if this the right answer. The Bill reads that current and former law enforcement will not be eligible. If anything is overseen as a Pilot Program or a job from the city, do we discriminate on that basis because this person was a former felon or an unsheltered individual you can't be a police officer or can't do this job at the city. He stated that he does not accept that. This proposal was done without any collaboration.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated many sat here tonight and watched how City Council took action to make adjustments to our Parking legislation through

a collaborative process with the community where they received feedback. They worked with the administration and came up with something that works. That is the process he is invested in here as the mayor, leader of the administration and collaborator with City Council. He has seen how that works firsthand and appreciates that process. Chief Roca spoke to that and tells you that in fact there was no collaboration between the drafting of this Petition and the proposed ordinance and any members of the administration. He has some concerns of which this Petition was circulated. Council has one choice in a month. Either to pass this ordinance or reject it and send it to the voters of the city of Allentown. He stated that his wife signed this Petition. His oldest child signed this Petition. The Petition was presented as something that would be beneficial to the residents of the city of Allentown. He stated that the administration is willing to talk about the Petition and knows Council are willing to address these issues. He stated that he would argue for a defeat in November as well. They can have an honest discussion. He does not think this is a way to do it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that on behalf of Council, he wants the public to know that they had absolutely no input in this. They were not collaborated with and he is offended by that. As a lifelong resident of this city, a member of Council and he feels most of his colleagues feel the same way. They had no input whatsoever. The fact that this move forward is beyond our control.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach encouraged all of her colleagues to contact Tawanna and Mike to get the dates in which there was the Chief of Police from Olympia, Washington on the screen talking about Mobile Crisis Units. Also, the Director of CAHOOTS talking about what they are doing out there. She does not think they had the Chief of Police from Denver who actually started the Star Program and many of these places. Over 85 jurisdictions and counting that has this already in place. They had this conversation since the tail end of 2020. Ms. Thomases organized a stakeholder meeting. Some of you on Council was at that stakeholders meeting. The Chief of Police and stated that she forgets if Chief Roca or Granitz was there. This is not a new conversation. They have been talking about this for almost three years. It is the Citizens' Right to Petition their elected officials to take action on a subject. At this time, that subject is mental health. This is democracy in action. This is not defunding the Police. This is not touching the Police Budget.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that there was no cooperation. A time for conversation is not when this is thrown in own face. He stated that he is glad Ms. Gerlach owned up to being part of this process.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she more than owned up. She collected signatures.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this will be on the Agenda on June 7th.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):**

**Councilperson Zucal is prepared to make a motion to suspend the rules and introduce Resolution 87 which Recommends 22.5M in ARPA funding: 11M for city capital and physical infrastructure to avoid tax increases and 10M in Housing for affordable housing, enhancing the city's housing stock, home ownership and rental legal assistance – funds to taken from unallocated fund and 10M the Mayor plans to use for operational expenses in 2023 and 2024.**

**A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Ce-Ce Gerlach, that this be Suspend The Rules. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

[15-5865](#)

R87

Recommends 21M in ARPA funding: 11M for city capital and physical infrastructure to avoid tax increases and 10M in Housing for affordable housing, enhancing the city's housing stock, home ownership and rental legal assistance – funds to taken from unallocated funds and 10M the Mayor plans to use for operational expenses in 2023 and 2024.

**Sponsors:** Gerlach, Mr. Zucal, Affa and Santos

**Attachments:** [R87 ARPA funding request](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that they just heard from a number of Councilmembers that castigated members of the public for not collaborating with Council prior to introducing legislation. He can confirm that no member of Council approached him or any member of his administration about this particular Resolution prior to signing on and adding it to the legislation.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated so noted.

**A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Ce Ce Gerlach to Suspend the Rules relating to creating an Agenda by adding a Resolution to the Agenda with a recommendation that Council President send it to a committee meeting on June 7th to begin a discussion. The Resolution will be numbered Resolution 87 which Recommends \$22.5 Million of the ARPA funding which will be distributed as \$11 Million for city capital and physical infrastructure to avoid tax increases and \$10 Million in Housing for affordable housing, enhancing the city's housing stock, home ownership and rental legal assistance - funds to taken from unallocated fund and \$10 Million the Mayor plans to use for operational expenses**

in 2023 and 2024.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

## NEW BUSINESS: NONE

## GOOD AND WELFARE

Mayor Matt Tuerk recognized Gerry Anthony and his IT team for the tremendous work that they did in launching Intergov. To talk about the impact that Intergov has had. It is the amazing work that the entire IT team has done. They knocked it out of the park and we are so grateful.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Council feels the same way. He thanked Ms. Kistler also for the work she has done and getting your people up to speed. This has been a long-time coming. He stated that he believes it has been four years and something he is glad to see come forward. It moves the city into that age where they should have been a while ago.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that Council voted to Suspend the Rules. Did they vote to move forward the actual Resolution.

Attorney Charles Smith recommended Mr. Hendricks refers it. Council voted on the Motion to Suspend the Rules. Now, it is a Resolution for introduction and then should be referred.

Attorney Charles Smith stated to the Special Meeting on June 7th.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that if you needed a chaser for the government deck, these are available with Mr. Hanlon. Again, that is a permanent policy, when you park in the government deck parking will be covered until midnight during Council meetings.

## ADJOURNED: 8:02 PM

[15-5720](#)

Council Rules  
Procurement Procedures  
Code of Ethics

**Attachments:** [Council Rules 2023](#)  
[Contract/Procurement Procedures from the Code](#)  
[Ethics Code](#)