



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Councilperson Affa

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Excused: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. Paz Simpson, Promise Neighborhoods 1101 Hamilton Street, asked the city to put one percent of the budget for nonviolent solutions that are led by the community. Philadelphia and Pittsburgh put two percent of their budgets to nonviolent solutions.

Ms. Jean Garcia, 208 S. 13th Street, asked City Council to approve one percent of the budget to go towards preventative, anti-violent community led programs. She stated that she has been fighting for this since her son was murdered in 2012 and in June, 30 people were shot, January 4 Jonathan Williams was killed, two months after that Victor Riuz was killed.

Jesse Simpson, 922 W. Court Street, stated that they trust people that serve, imagine that we possess the capacity to lead and collectively make our decisions. Imagine for a moment that you possess the intellect and compassion for fortitude to collaborate and identify solutions and problems that plaque our community. Imagine that our voices matter. Imagine our lives had value. Imagine that you believe that when you express the parts that the challenges that we faced. Our living in a community where people are always imposing solutions on us and not co-designing solutions with us or respecting our expressed needs.

Ms. Jennifer Rodriguez-Cox, stated that she was the mother of Jonathon Williams. Her son was taken away from his six kids at a young age at 25. There were 44 people shot and five were fatal. She stated that her children and others children deserve a surviving chance in this world. She moved to Allentown from New York running from the violence and the same violence

killed her son.

Mr. Rodney (no last name given) stated that he went to Muhlenberg Elementary, Trexler Middle School, William Allen High School, and graduated from Muhlenberg College. He has lived in Allentown, raising his family in Allentown and has a solid village. He stated that he believes in his community. If it wasn't for his community, a loving family and people that supported him through his life, he would not be standing here today. We need to put the right programs and people in place because children are investments. We are simply asking for one percent. He stated that it is important to pour into our children.

Ms. Stephanie Sawyer, Promise Neighborhoods and Entrepreneurship without limits, stated that the community is cultivating entrepreneurs everyday. Children have a lot of options. Sadly, we don't see entrepreneurship as a core curriculum in our schools. As Rodney stated having a number of mentors in his life that came around him did what they could to put pieces in place. It behooves Council to make a bold choice to build entrepreneurship as a way to eradicate violence within our city. When children have a vision for their future beyond what they might see they make different choices. We have an opportunity to help them make different choices.

Ms. Robin (last name not given) - Allentown Rough-riders, stated that they do things behind the scenes. They are not gang members. They are a Life Style Bike Club. She asked for Council to do their best to give the one percent. The children are turning to the street, gangs, and all these different negative things. It is not in their best interest. She asked for one percent to have different programs for the kids. She stated that the city residents need the help for their kids. We know barriers exist that limits access to these programs and funding is one of them.

Ms. Julie Thomases, 824 N. Broad Street, stated that she was the executive director of an after school program for over 13 years. They served over 8,000 Center City Youth, mostly through tennis. They developed this program because they knew research shows that after school and summer programs can reduce crime by offering constructive alternatives to gang and drugs during the peak hours for juvenile crime and increase involvement in high risk activity. She stated that she recently became reacquainted with a young woman who participated in the program quite a few years ago and was told there was gang activity in her neighborhood while she was attending the program and this after school program provided a safe haven for her. Over the years, she received many calls from parents begging her to include their children in the program.

Mr. Wallace Jones, Founder of A Year and A Day, stated that his organization partnered with other organizations like Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley working trying to become part of the nonviolent solutions in the city. The city dedicating one percent of the budget allows people like him to become even more involved in the city. As a father, a mentor and a community leader his questions is is our children worth investing.

Mr. Lee Hinnering (sp) stated that he is a dad of four daughters and back in the 80s when he was a young kid there were a lot of programs. A lot of the youth are running the streets and getting involved with gangs, drinking and turning to drugs. With these programs, we can help the youth do the right thing. We need programs for kids. We need this one percent to help save our kids.

Mr. Shane Follweiler, 222 W. Liberty Street, stated that his son Marques was killed back in 2010 not a 100 yards of where they stand. From that moment on, he has been dedicating his life to do what he can do. That one percent is nothing. It is pennies to the budget. Anybody that knows budgets and deals with budgets or understands budgets know you are not going to miss it. He stated if he can dedicate his life and dedicate every walking moment to this city, why can't this city dedicate one percent.

Mr. Patrick Palmer stated that as someone who grew up in Allentown on Sixth and Allen. One percent is not a lot. One percent is something that we can deal with or give it away. At one point we take a stand to make sure that it doesn't get any worse and go up from here before we officially hit rock bottom. There are kids that they are one yes away from being in the system. One yes away from doing the wrong thing. This could prevent that.

Ms. Emily Santron stated that she has not lived in Allentown long, but has come into contact with a couple of kids who has been through the system and have made wrong decisions. As someone who cares about the community and has become a part of the community that she moved in Allentown she has tried to improve it. She has gone to nonprofit organizations and tried to start up a nonprofit organization. Nonprofit organizations are struggling as it is. One percent compared to the budget you have now is not a lot. It is affordable. There is no need for parents to plead with you to give one percent to the budget. Nonprofit organizations keep kids off the streets. You care about your community. Protect those kids.

Mr. Tim Ramos, 1408 Linden Street, congratulated every candidate that won last night, starting with the Mayor. He stated that he campaigned about cutting nonessential programs and cutting nonessential areas where

there is waste. This one percent is essential. He stated that we heard in the 80s and 90s the time to catch a young person is from 11 through 16. By 17 through 19 they are the person they are going to be for the rest of their lives. Those perimeters have changed. The age to capture anybody is from 11 to 45. There is information that came to him from the state and federal level for victims of crime and tragedy that our city does not have as a resource. He asked for a per diem position when someone will be on call so when there is a tragedy they will have that list ready for resources to serve that family member.

Ms. Sharon Billington, 1509 Chew Street, stated that she doesn't think they should stop with Zero Youth Violence. It should be Zero City Violence. They talked about how the city can coordinate with high schools and do internships or recruit for employment. Her memories of being in the Allentown School District was coming to city hall, coming to the courthouse, touring the different city functions. If we can't do the one percent, at least have our city workers coordinating with our departments and school districts. There is a future for them. She suggested to reach out to the Superintendent.

Mr. (No Name Given) stated that he was listening to Mr. Guridy. One percent is nothing to give when you know where it is going. Council talked about licenses and Microsoft and almost \$600,000 going to places. One percent for our youth is nothing to give.

Ms. Mishawn Roberts, Catholic Charities and Chew Street Community Center, stated that they recently implemented an after school program and the shift in energy from the kids is tremendous. It is not that they did not want it. They didn't know how to express it. Making a commitment is a lifelong process. Kids want a place where they belong and they need a place where they can call their own.

Mr. Kofani Lassiter (sp), Messenger for Zero Youth Violence - Promise Neighborhoods, stated that the budget is definitely needed. The City of Allentown looks beautiful. On the realistic side it is a lot of crime, people are hurting and running out of resources. With community programs, it brings people out the house. Promise Neighborhoods had over 40 events and had thousands of people come out collectively in regards to those events. Chief Granitz is bringing familiarity with people and the community to know who the leaders are, law enforcement is, and making them feel a little bit more warm and receptive. He commits his time because he was on the other side of the fence. He graduated from William Allen, then went to Lehigh Carbon Community College and graduated from there then he started running the streets hanging with the wrong circle. He never had a mentor, someone to help him until he started getting active with these

programs that made him change his life and a lot of people look up to him and actually proud of the man he is today and the change he has committed to the city. He requested that the city give the money up so get these programs in full force to get these kids active. Single moms are struggling.

Mr. Fritz Walker, 2552 Covered Bridge Lane, stated that he has always been a big booster of Allentown. Most people made an appeal for kids. The business case is that we have an incredible revitalization of Allentown. There were 34 people shot in June and July. He stated that he is on the Steering Committee on the Zero Youth Violence. Treating gun violence like an infectious disease is an approach that has been shown over and over again. Many speakers advocated for after school programs. It would pay for itself and will help the economic revitalization for Allentown.

Mr. Paz Simpson stated that all of these people volunteer for this community. They spoke on behalf of Zero Youth Violence or not even connected to Zero Youth Violence.

Mr. Roger MacLean suggested to Mr. Guridy that the Zero Youth Violence Taskforce could meet with the Youth Taskforce.

Ms. April Riddick stated that she came tonight to support the speakers. She has been involved in her community since she was 19 years old. She stated that she is actively involved in the Little League that's been around for 40 years. She is a Community Advocate. She stated that she got involved when she was 19 because she had little boys and knew at the time she had them she had to protect them because they were young in black. She stated that she had a name with a stigma to it. We have all these beautiful developments, but where are our babies going. That one percent is nothing, but it does matter.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked everyone for coming and stated that Council hears them loudly and clearly. We are developing a Youth Advocacy Taskforce for the city of Allentown. We are supporting you on this endeavor and ask for some funds to get it established. The legislation will come to City Council next meeting. We will invest more than one percent in youth. We do it through many different ways through Parks and Recreation department, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and EMS. With Public Safety, we invest 54 percent of our budget. The program is based on four principals: love, safety, provide education, and opportunity once they graduate, get out of school, and to work and be a contributing member.

Mayor Ray O'Connell shared their concerns. As a lifelong educator, we

have to keep our youth busy. He stated that he has known April Riddick for a long time and she is very active. We need to restore the youth activity and the youth organization? We can only solve it together. Together we are strong. We need to look at our current budget now and what resources we provide to keep the youth busy and off the streets. We can look at the current budget and see if we can divert some of the resources that we might have earmarked for something else for youth. We obviously support what Promise Neighborhoods does. The first grant was \$145,000 and the second grant was \$150,000. We have to see what the city is doing for the youth and put a dollar amount to it. He made a commitment that his administration along with City Council identified any new funding to curb violence in the city of Allentown. We hit the 27 percent tax increase last year. We have \$120 million and one percent is \$1.2 million. If we look at the programs that we are doing and kick off a couple more programs or create a couple more programs to keep the kids off the streets and keep them active. That's why we need you. What programs can we do to keep kids off the streets. He stated that he ran into someone last night that showed kids how to play chess and they are playing two to three hours a day. Boredom means trouble.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated if it could be merged with Zero Tolerance Group that would be good.

Approval of Minutes:

[15-3236](#) October 16, 2019 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [October 16, 2019 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes](#)

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

[15-3238](#) October 16, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [October 16, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Old Business

Communications

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Bills introduced will be taken up during respective budget review meetings if possible.

Administration Report

None

Controller Report

None

APPOINTMENTS:

[15-3228](#)

Captain Michael Becker, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals,
4/19/2020

Attachments: [Captain Michael Becker](#)
[Resolution #29878](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this is for the Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals. She asked if there were any comments from her colleagues.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated good choice.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy,
and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29878

[15-3229](#)

Lieutenant Justin Motz, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 4/10/2020

Attachments: [Officer Justin Motz](#)
[Resolution #29879](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated that Sergeant Justin Motz term is up 4/10/2020. She asked if there were any comments from her colleagues.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated good choice.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy,
and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29879

[15-3239](#) Sandra Barnes, Allentown Housing Authority, 11/05/2020

Attachments: [Sandra Barnes](#)
[Resolution #29880](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this is for the Housing Authority. Her name is Sandra Barnes. She asked if there were any comments from her colleagues.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that this is another good choice.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any questions from the public.

Yes: 5 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Recused: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 29880

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3137](#) Bill 61 Budget and Finance, Forwarded Favorably
Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget and the 2019 General Fund by transferring One Hundred Forty-One Thousand (\$141,000) Dollars from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to Capital Project 2400 – Blight Removal and Remediation to return funds that were transferred from the Capital Fund to the General Fund in 2017 and not used for their original intended purpose.

Attachments: [Bill 61 Blight Funds Returned](#)
[Ordinance #15569](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it was in his committee, Budget and Finance and they forwarded favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15569

[15-3211](#) Bill 65 CEDC, forwarded favorably
Amending the 2019 General Fund budget by eliminating the position of

Building Inspector Assistant Supervisor (12N) at an annual salary of \$68,068 (Sixty-Eight Thousand Sixty-Eight) Dollars and creating an Historical Preservation Planning Officer (13N) at an annual salary of \$68,120 (Sixty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty) Dollars to govern the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Attachments: [Bill 65 Historical Preservation Planning Officer](#)
[Job Description](#)
[Ordinance #15570](#)

Mr. Courtney Robinson made one correction, it was forwarded with no recommendation. He stated that it will be a good spirited discussion. It is an important thing to do. This was identified through the Vision 2030 Plan to increase the city's preservation of the history as a community asset and potentially a tourist asset. It was a discussion about splitting the one position into two position. It should say Chief Planner. Instead of eliminating the Assistant Supervisor for Building Inspection, there was a discussion of not eliminating that position. He stated that he was going to do an amendment, but the more appropriate way is to have the administration do a Budget Memo to keep that position.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if it would be cleaner if Council tabled it to the next meeting.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he doesn't think so. We already have Mr. Kimmerly in the position. It would give him the opportunity to focus on the Historic Preservation aspects and the HARB aspects. It would give the Community and Economic Development department an opportunity to look for another Chief Planner. The position that was going to be eliminated, the Assistant Supervisor for Building Inspection is actually a vacant position. There is currently a backlog of HARB violations.

Mr. Tom Williams stated that he is not sure of the numbers, but it is significant.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he was not against the Bill. He was opposed to eliminating a position in Inspections. We have a big backlog in the city for Housing Inspections.

Mr. Tom Williams stated that there are nine Rental Inspectors in the city. There are a backlog in all the inspections between Pre-Sales and Building Code Inspections.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he spoke to Ms. Brossman.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked Mr. Williams if that is something the

Community and Economic Development department is amendable to.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that they are eliminating a position tonight, and in the next couple of weeks we will get a Budget Memo to put another position back.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated and this one too because it wasn't in the budget.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from the public.

Ms. Ellen Roberts, West Park representative on the HARB, asked for clarification. She stated that West Park Civic Association is in favor of a Inspector for HARB properties.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Ms. Roberts if they are supporting the Historic Preservation Planning Officer position.

Ms. Ellen Roberts stated yes.

Mr. Christian Brown, President - Old Allentown Preservation Association, stated that they too would like to go on record in support of this Bill. They do see that this sort of joint role between Chief Planner and Historic Preservation Officer has been limited. This is a major positive move. They are inspired by all the new activity in expanding the Preservation Plan. Looking at the job description, it is certainly a full-time job. It is time that we fund it that way as well.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments from the public.

Enactment No: 15570

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15570

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3210](#)

R86 CEDC, forwarded favorably
Property to Be Acquired by Eminent Domain by the Redevelopment
Authority of the City of Allentown

Attachments: [R86 BLIGHTED PROPERTIES](#)[City Council Meeting 10-16-2019](#)[City Council Meeting 10-16-2019](#)[Resolution #29877](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that they discussed putting another property on the list.

Ms. Jenny Lee Musk (sp) stated that with R86 Eminent Domain of Blighted Properties. It has been her experience that she has seen certain properties or the city to use certain tactics that almost equate to harassment with certain property owners. She can't even count how many properties were uninhabited all through the historic district of Allentown. She stated that she doesn't believe the city should have the authority to take any property because they can't be trusted not to abuse that.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked what do you suggest the city to do with blighted buildings.

Ms. Jenny Lee Musk stated that she doesn't think it should be a broad ability to do that.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Mr. Williams how long does it take to get a property designated as blighted. How many notifications the owner gets to repair things.

Mr. Tom Williams stated that there are various different notifications and 12 criterias in the Urban Redevelopment law. If the property meets those criteria and the owner does not rectify the violation the Notice of Blight goes out. One of the 12 is that it has to be a vacant property. It cannot be occupied or have anyone living in there. The entire blight process to Eminent Domain can take 18 months or more.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she is on the Blighted Property Board, and the city has so many of them. There was a slideshow on properties that the city took over. The city restored it and it is absolutely beautiful. There are so many blighted properties. It takes so long to get it. The city does go to the people over and over again. What happens to your neighborhood? It gets deteriorated. There are rodents. If we take it by Eminent Domain and fix it up, it takes a while. There are so many of them.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that one of the things that are done is once it comes to Council and they pass it, the owners of the property can still work on the

property. If they fix it and make progress then it can get off the list.

Ms. Jenny Lee Musk stated that there was one property. She loves history and historic architecture. Allentown has a lot of gems. Several of those properties belong to the City of Allentown and sat there in terrible condition.

Mr. Tim Ramos, 418 Linden Street, stated that the three minutes is the public's time to speak. Those in the community want to respect property rights. He asked if R86 is for a specific property.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he is aware of that and gives some leeway. There are a list of properties.

Mr. Tim Ramos stated that on the 300 Block of 8th Street, there is an alley and the gentleman was fixing the property that was livable. After the winter, on the side of the alley the concrete and sidewalk broke up and the house was deemed uninhabitable. He had to evict his renters and lost the properties.

Ms. Jenny Lee Musk asked where are the list of properties.

Ms. Kelly McEllroy stated that it is on the website.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that there are in the back.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that there is a Resolution in the back. There should be a list in the back. The second page should be the list. He stated that if it is not there, then it is on the website and after the meeting he will be happy to show her where to find it.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is showing it now.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that she wants the list. The paper should be in the back.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that the City Clerk's office got a request that the Solicitor's office might want to weigh in on to add 776 Benton Street to the list.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that the Redevelopment Authority asked the City Clerk's at 4:16 this afternoon by email to add a property that was apparently inadvertently left off the Eminent Domain list. He recommended that Council does not act on it and this property be brought before Council at the next Council meeting for the purpose of due process. It wasn't on the Council's Agenda and it needs to be.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked if it is introduced at the next meeting there will be no need for a single property to clean this up to hold a committee hearing for that. It could be voted on at the next meeting.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that is good. He asked if there were any other comments from the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29877

[15-3214](#)

R87 CEDC, this evening

Allentown City Council hereby requests Congress introduce and pass the appropriate legislation to create a National Infrastructure Bank.

Attachments: [R87 Supports a National Infrastructure Bank](#)
[Coalition for a National Infrastructure Bank](#)
[National Infrastructure Bank Information](#)
[Resolutions - Adopted - 2019 - R19-056- Resolution for The Trenton City Council on National Bank for Infrastructure](#)
[Resolution #29882](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

Yes: 5 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

No: 1 - Roger MacLean

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29882

[15-3227](#)

R93 CEDC, forwarded favorably

Authorizing the Filling of an Application for Funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the HOME Program for HADC, a pass through grant.

Attachments: [R93 HOME Applicant](#)
[Resolution #29883](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it was in CEDC and voted favorably to the full body.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated yes.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council or the

public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29883

[15-3223](#)

R94

Approval of Transfers: \$200,000 in Parks and Recreation for work at Mack Pool; \$100,000 in Stormwater for additional lining to fix a segment of leaking storm water pipe that contributed to a sinkhole at Canal Park, \$136,000 in the Parks and Recreation (Golf Course) to improve the Irrigation System, purchase chemicals for winter and various other items; \$22,303.45 in Risk for the Annual Workers Compensation Handling Charge; and \$15,000 in IT for software.

Attachments: [R94 ATransfer Approvals](#)

[Additional Lining Is Needed To Fix A Segment Of Leaking Storm Water Pipe That Contributed To Large Sinkhole at Canal Park](#)
[IT Needed To Spend The Appropriated Funds On Acquiring Another Software Product for Granicus](#)
[Annual Workers Compensation Handling Charged from Calendar Year to August - July](#)
[Additional Lining Is Needed To Fix A Segment Of Leaking Storm Water Pipe That Contributed To Large Sinkhole at Canal Park](#)
[Needed To Make Continuing Improvements to the Golf Course's Irrigation System To Purchase Chemicals](#)
[Funds Will Complete The Remainder of Work That Needs to be Completed at Mack Pool](#)
[Needed To Make Continuing Improvements to the Golf Course's Irrigation System and Needed To Purchase Another Automatic Ball Dispenser, Range Cart and A Ball Washer](#)
[Resolution #29884](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if the city was transferring \$200,000 from where to where.

Mr. Michael Hanlon read the accounts and titles.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked about the \$100,000 to Stormwater. Where is that coming from?

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated Account 04.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is within the Stormwater Fund. Funds that were left over from other accounts. We need that from the emergency repairs.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked about all the transfers. Are all the transfers

completed?

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that the project is not completed for the Stormwater yet. We are waiting for the funds to be transferred. Yes, they are available funds. He stated that they are so close to the end of the year with the money that is necessary for the end of the year, he is fine with transferring the funds.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments from Council or the public.

Yes: 5 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

No: 1 - Roger MacLean

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29884

[15-3259](#)

R95

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a Grant of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for Use in the purchase of a new ambulance for the Bureau of EMS.

Attachments: [R95 Ambulance Grant](#)
[Resolution #29885](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked how many ambulances do you have now.

Mr. Eric Gratz stated running. They have eight ambulances in the fleet. He stated that he needs four to run. Right now, there are four that are running and four that are broken. If we break one tonight, EMS will call Macungie Ambulance and they will be nice enough to loan one to us. The garage is diligently working, but the GM strike did not help us in getting parts. One of the vehicles that is slated to get replaced is a 2005. Although, not as cool as 1993 Lumina like he referenced last year. There is money in the budget for the purchase of the ambulance. He and Mr. Hartzell looked at alternative funding sources. Representative Schlossberg's office gave them this as one option. Ms. McClure has done a fantastic job of preparing it. The idea is one way or another EMS needs another ambulance.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the reason he asked is because in the budget it ask for four ambulances.

Mr. Eric Gratz stated no, four paramedics. Right now, one of the ambulances is sitting vacant at Mack South because there are only two

ambulances overnight. EMS has to replace them. They are on a replacement plan.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that Council is voting to submit to a grant to get \$200,000 to buy an ambulance.

Mr. Eric Gratz stated correct.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments from Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Mr. Gratz about the \$200,000 and if it was the full cost for the ambulance minus the equipment to go into it.

Mr. Eric Gratz stated that is correct. They will remove the equipment including \$48,000 worth of the litter system that they up-fitted all the trucks this year. It would have been \$248,000 if they did not buy the litter system last year.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments from Council or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29885

[15-3260](#)

R96

Authorizes encroachment for permanent ADA accessible ramp @ Linden St. Retail Tenants 101-103 N 8th Street

Attachments: [R96 101-103 N 8th ST RAMP](#)
[101 103N8thSt BLUE PRINT](#)
[101-103 N 8th ST APPLICATION](#)
[Resolution #29886](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it says Linden Street retail. It is the new place.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if it was a ramp.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it is a handicap ramp.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29886

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

[15-3221](#)

Bill 76

Amending the 2019 General Fund budget by eliminating the position of Combination Inspector (19M) at an annual salary of \$60,673 (Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Three) Dollars and creating a Flood Plain Manager (12N) at an annual salary of \$62,000 (Sixty-Two Thousand) Dollars to govern the City's Flood Plain Ordinance.

Attachments: [Bill 76 FLOOD PLAIN MANAGER](#)
[Flood Plain Manager Job Description](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

[15-3224](#)

Bill 77 Refer to Public Works

Providing for the vacation of a portion of Railroad Street from the centerline of Hamilton Street to the centerline of Court Street being located in the First Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 77 Railroad Street](#)
[Railroad Street - Street Vacation Report](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding North Railroad Street from Hamilton Street to Court Street - Street Vacation](#)
[Letter from Irene Woodward regarding Vacation of North Railroad Street from Hamilton Street to Court Street](#)
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding North Railroad Street from Hamilton Street to Court Street](#)
[North Railroad Street from Hamilton Street to Court Street Street Vacation Petition](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-3258](#)

Bill 78

Amending the 2019 Grant Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) from the Pennsylvania

House Finance Agency (PHFA) under their Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) Fund to be used as a pass-through grant to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown for the rehabilitation of 323 and 326 N. 9th Street.

Attachments: [Bill 78 RACA - PHFA GRANT](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-3261](#)

Bill 79

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Tony Hawk Foundation to be used toward the construction of the Jordan Skatepark.

Attachments: [Bill 79 Tony Hawk Grant](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):
NONE**

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 8:31 PM