



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Ms. Anna Bou, 1411 W. Hamilton Street - Apartment 5C, stated that she got a letter from Mr. Hyman stated the records indicate a she has a multi-family unit utility bill and she has to pay \$899. They are requesting an eviction. She wants to get to the bottom on this.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated to Ms. Bou that she reached her time limit. Mr. Zucal called her and if it is a code issue they would get in contact with you.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach suggested since Ms. Affa has been working with a lot

with slumlords. Maybe she can meet with Ms. Affa and Mr. Lightner.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she spoke with her last year. They have not paid utilities or water.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated to Mr. Zucal spoke with her.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he also spoke with her.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach suggested Ms. Bou contact North Penn Legal Services to help her. Just in case she ends up in court. The issue is that there is a gas boiler, and the tenants don't have gas.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that issue may be if you are in a building, it may be one meter. He stated that he spoke to Mr. Hyman. The department of Building and Standards should look into it.

Approval of Minutes:

[15-4347](#) April 21, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 21, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

[15-4359](#) April 28, 2021 Special Meeting - American Rescue Plan Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 28, 2021 Special Meeting - American Rescue Plan Meeting Minutes](#)

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

[15-4361](#) May 5, 2021 Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [May 5, 2021 Contract Approval Meeting Minutes](#)

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Old Business

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she has two items. The first item was at a previous Public Safety Committee Meeting, she brought forward a Resolution making body camera footage subject to Right to Know laws. It was the committee's recommendation that Jim Martin weigh. Has he weighed in yet? Has anyone asked him to weigh in yet?

Mr. Julio Guridy stated not to him.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that they have to get back to her on that one. Give them at least a week and see what he has to say.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated for awhile now they have been talking about homelessness and encampments and clearing of encampments. She wants the system do its thing and play out. Prior to the Intergovernmental meeting she found out some information that is quite troubling and she cannot let the system play out and things to work out. The system is the problem. There are two unsheltered individuals that currently live underneath a bridge. They were living in tent city. It turns out that these two individuals must vacate the premises by tomorrow, the 17th. They were told on June 3. This property is owned by the county. there is one individual who made this declaration that these two individuals must vacate. These two individuals cause no issue. She asked for someone to challenge that. The Chief of Police Glenn Granitz and the Mayor knew the individual and his girlfriend was there.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked the Mayor to have a conversation and stated that this is the first time he has heard about this whole issue.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he will call Mr. Armstrong tomorrow. The county need to step their game up. It should be brought to the Lehigh County Commissioners.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked Mayor O'Connell to keep Council abreast of what happens.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that is has been. She found out from a Commissioner why this was happening.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that they are not going to name names. It is a person with significant power and influence within the cabinet of Lehigh County. That is creating an issue and we sit hear repeatedly over and over again and say the county has to be part of the solution, the county has to step up its game, the county has to be an active partner when there are people within the county who are in a position where they are expected to run the logistics in the county and are expected to be part of these decisions who use language that is obviously counterintuitive who is dehumanizing the very people we are trying to help. That is the issue. Someone has got to put their foot down. It is unacceptable. Get in or get out, if you are not going to get with the program. It needs to be impressed upon the Executive that sort of behavior coming from his cabinet is a fireable termination offense and has no business here. He stated to the Mayor that he would not accept it and we should not accept it.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the city set aside \$100,000 last year in the budget to look into the homeless issue. The county set aside \$200,000. We should be able to do something.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated to keep in mind, they need to go by tomorrow.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the Mayor is calling Mr. Armstrong. The county has human services program with crisis intervention.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he is going to call Mr. Armstrong tomorrow. He doesn't have the magic wand either.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it is not about crisis intervention. There are requirements for the shelters, they will not need the requirements.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the next thing is put them up in a hotel. The county has programs that they can work with.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that is not the issue. They should not be made to leave.

Communications: DaVinci Update

Ms. Lin Erickson - DaVinci Presentation that Council President Guridy, member of Council for the opportunity to meet with them and share their plans for the new Science Center and ask them to consider a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support the development of the Science Center. She thanked them all for the city's support. They would not have made the progress thus far without them. The total project is \$65 million. They have more than half of that committed to date from public and private donors. This will be the third largest science center in Pennsylvania once completed. They will break ground in March 2022. It is in the Neighborhood Improvement Zone in the heart of downtown. They selected this site specifically to increase access to STEAM education experiences for traditionally underserved audiences. There are 52,000 Allentown residents within one mile walking distance to the site. With 72 percent low to moderate income households. There are five public and six Charter Schools within the target benefit area. The second reason they like this site is that they can build on the development that is going on downtown Allentown by creating a major visitor destination. The DaVinci Center is requesting \$2 million in the American Rescue Plan Act funding from the City of Allentown to support the construction of the facility and exhibits.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Ms. Erickson and asked if there were any questions from Council.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it is great to hear that the DaVinci Center will hire local folks and making sure that the folks who are featured in the Center represents various backgrounds as do most folks in Allentown. For the time that she was on the School Board, she knows that DaVinci does a great job partnering with the School District. She knows that she and Ms. Erickson have spoke a year or two ago about this concept. This concept will soon be reality. The one slide had some itemized specific numbers. She was wondering how specific when it comes to employment of Allentown residents. What kind of plans or partnerships that you either exploring or have potentially an agreement.

Ms. Lin Erickson stated that she would like to say first as we are coming out of Covid in our current operation, they have a lot of positions open. They are reaching out within the community and need assistance from all of them because they don't want to wait until six months or a year before they open to be building a staff that has made a representative from downtown Allentown. They are interested in starting that now and expanding their ability to recruit more diverse candidates and Allentown residents. They talked about a STEM career ladder.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated about a month ago when they talked about DaVinci, Mr. Lightner was here and they had a brief conversation to ensure how the Center is accessible for everyone.

Ms. Lin Erickson stated that they have further work to do, but want to make sure that they can provide access to all the residents of the city regardless of their ability to pay. They want to work closely with the city administration, the community groups and the school district to ensure that the experience can be available for all residents.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments or questions.

Mr. Joshua Siegel thanked Ms. Erickson for the presentation. They have their meeting scheduled for Friday. The \$333 million is basically your economic output and the 487 full-time jobs. He is assuming a multiplier affect to get to the 487. How many are being created at the Science Center. He asked the breakdown of the salary range. He briefly touched on the \$2 million request and clarified if she was making a corresponding request at the county. They received considerable Rescue Funds. The state has been an enormous supporter of this project as well. They received \$20 million from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program. Will there be a corresponding request from the county and the state so they all can leverage their existing assets to make this final push. He asked if she requested the same \$2 million from the county. Is there some

procurement plan for the Center?

Ms. Lin Erickson stated that they are using an In-Plan Model to create those numbers. At the Science Center itself, they are projecting 60 full-time equivalent positions. With many part-time and many full-time on top of the positions that they currently have. That is a growth. Some are from subcontractors that they will engage in the Science Center. They anticipate a catering operator and a retail operator that will manage a store and for profit entities. She stated yes. At the state level they are focusing their efforts on securing additional RACP funds. They don't want to divert attention. They receive already \$1 million and requested another \$7 million. They are working very closely across the House and Senate and in the Governor's office to secure additional state support. In terms of the county, they have made a request and she knows that they are considering support. She is waiting to hear a final official word. She stated yes. She suspects there are some vendors they are already using. She would like to start that again now and go through the major things they purchase now.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that the most important thing is to be transparent and forward thinking.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that this is really exciting to see this project coming to fruition especially in the heart of Allentown. She has met with Ms. Erickson a few months ago a few times with Dan Bosket, the Parent Network, and the Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley. She knows how important it was for her and her staff to be able to get a lot of community support and find out what the community really wanted. A lot of your programming will be bilingual. Majority of the people are Spanish speaking. It is also exciting that a lot of Allentonians are going to be hired. She cannot wait for this to happen as soon as possible.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she is just now looking at it from this perspective. That's Linden Street right there.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that is Eighth Street.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that is Eighth and Hamilton Streets. This is some of the things that he has been thinking about. Having the information bilingually and taking to account the Hispanic Community is obviously one of his major issues in the city. People look for he and Ms. Mota to advocate for them on Council because of the language issue they call them. It will be a plus for the entire community. He stated that Council will take Ms. Erickson request into consideration and to have this project fully developed in the community.

[15-4374](#)

Da Vinci Presentation

Attachments: [DV Request](#)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Council will hold a special meeting on July 14th, time to be determined, to discuss issues relating to the contract for fleet maintenance.

Council will hold a special meeting on July 21st, time to be determined, to discuss issues relating to different models relating to service calls and public safety issues.

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Mota

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for June 23rd at 6:00 PM to discuss the monthly finance reports and existing minority contracting - MBEs/WBEs provisions and other legislative options. Mr. Siegel will be getting an update from the auditors prior to this meeting, so if there are any questions, please forward them.

CEDC: Chair, Gerlach, Guridy, Affa

The committee met on June 9th; the next meeting is scheduled for July 14th prior to the special meeting on the contract for fleet maintenance.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Affa, Mota, Zucal

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Hendricks, Gerlach, Siegel

The committee met on June 9th; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Public Safety: Chair Mota, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Guridy, Mota, Hendricks

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Controllers Report

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he has a delightful 14 page Report that he will put off until July.

Administration Report

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that today they said goodbye to Chief Granitz after serving over 20 years serving the citizens of Allentown with pride and honor. A man who lead his life with honest and integrity, character, transparency and openness. We are sad to see Chief Granitz go to West Reading, but our loss is definitely their gain. We also today, welcome Assistant Chief Roca who he named this morning the Interim Chief. It is an excellent outstanding choice to replace Chief Granitz. Mr. Roca has spent 19 years and five months on the force. He looks forward to working with Interim Chief Roca and the entire Allentown Police Department. It is a bitter/sweet day.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mayor O'Connell and supports his comments. It is going to be a big loss and a great gain for West Reading. Interim Chief Roca is a great choice. You are surrounding by two wonderful gentlemen there as well. He is the first Police Chief to be of Hispanic Heritage. We have to recognize that in our city.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that we are a unique city that we have a Fire Chief and a Police Chief of Latino Heritage. That says a lot about us as individuals. Pick the best. Not because of their ethnic background, but they are well respected, well qualified, and they live their life with honesty, integrity and character. The tradition will continue.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he loves the Mayor's words because sometimes people think that when you say Hispanic it is because it is a token person.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that you must earn it. Nothing is given to you. You earn it.

[15-4341](#) Controller's Info

Attachments: [1st QUARTER 2021 SUMMARY OF PENSION CASH FLOWS](#)
[Accounts Payable Review - June 3 Issued](#)

APPOINTMENTS:

[15-4357](#) David Jon Stanley, Environmental Advisory Council, 01-01-2023
(Replacing Anthony Hespeth)

Attachments: [David Jon Stanley, Environmental Advisory Council, 01-01-2023](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if she had any comments from her colleagues or the public.

Mr. David Jon Stanley thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to appoint him to the Environmental Advisory Council. He appreciates Council's votes and look forward to working with the Council

and using his skills.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Stanley for volunteering.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

[15-4358](#)

Fred Banuelos, Civil Service Board, 01-21-2025 (Reappointment)

Attachments: [Fred Banuelos, Civil Service Board, 01-21-2025](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this is a reappointment. She asked if there were any comments.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he knows Mr. Banuelos for a very, very long time. He is an integral man and very, very smart. He serves with him on the Allentown Housing Authority as a Commissioner. He is glad that he was reappointed. He is a great contributor to the board.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any other comments from her colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

[15-4369](#)

Kelli Holzman, Planning Commission, 01-01-2022 (Replacing the unexpired term of Attorney Foucek)

Attachments: [Kelli Holzman, Planning Commission, 01-01-2022](#)

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

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Mr. Glazier gets a finder's fee for this one. When he realized that Mr. Foucek was retiring from the Planning Commission, he stated that he reached out to a few people, but Mr. Glazier reached out to him. Kelli is a fine person that would do a great job on the Planning Commission. He has know Oldrich Foucek for many, many years as a friend and neighbor. He gave 29 years to the Planning Commission and many of those years as the Chairman of the Planning Commission. He is a very humble man and at the last one we had a week and a half ago we presented him with a Proclamation. We thanked him for his many, many years of service on the Planning Commission and wish him well. He is still going to practice law, but he is off the Planning Commission.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he beat him in regards to how many years.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-4191](#) Bill 31 Public Hearing, this evening
Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Allentown by repealing Section 1314.02.C.4 (7) of the Zoning Ordinance with respect to the prohibition of on-site frying of foods in the Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay District (TNDO) in its entirety, providing for a repealer clause, a severability clause and an effective date.

Sponsors: Guridy and Mota

Attachments: [Bill 31 On Site Frying Repealer](#)

[TNDO District Map](#)

[City PC Staff Report](#)

[Referral Letter](#)

[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding Bill 31](#)

[Frying in the TNDO Zoning District](#)

[Receipt Lehigh County Law Department](#)

[Legal Ad](#)

[Bill 31 On Site Frying Mailing Labels](#)

[Bill 31 Public Comment West Park](#)

[Bill 31 Public Comment Durante](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that this Bill was in his committee and he and Mr. Siegel and some other members of Council agreed that they will continue to work on it.

REFERRED TO RULES, CHAMBERS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Ms. Frances Fruhwirth stated that if it is referred to committee under the Municipalities Planning Code which this Rezoning Amendment originates from as governed by. If there are any substantial changes which the law says it is. It could mean many different things. The city needs to start over the entire process under the Municipalities Planning Code. By consensus there is an amendment to the amendment then the advertisement, the public hearing, the referral to the Planning Commission and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission will have to happen all over again.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Ms. Fruhwirth for bringing that up. He stated that he was not aware of that. He suggested that they continue to do the same.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that it is only appropriate. It is going to require substantial changes. We heard from the community and they are very significant and reasonable concerns. If we are going to do it right, we have to go through the process that might take a little time, but that is the cost to get it right for the community.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he agrees with Mr. Siegel.

Ms. Cynthia Mota agrees, but when you talk about a little bit of time are you talking three months, four months or six months.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he is not sure how long it is going to take. Obviously, the process a little longer.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated at least two months if you hurry.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that they will quickly to identify what the amendments would look like and try to get them quickly laid out to get the process started.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if they are operating.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they are operating. They are just not deep frying.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that they are not and they had to let go a lot of employees because of that. The interesting thing is we talk a lot about they buy a property, they should know. The reality is that the real estate agent just wants to sell. She asked if they as a body were aware of the frying rules.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she agrees with Ms. Mota. They went through this with people not aware and they are in Old Allentown. We asked the realtors to let people know. This poor owner paid \$250,000. This has been a restaurant since the 50s. Having a woman that is a real estate agent saying we should know this. It is appropriate for them and their responsibility to let them know. They are afraid they are going to lose this sale.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she will wait. Hopefully, they will be communicating about this soon. She was just looking at the map and knows a lot of places that fry food.

REFERRED TO RULES, CHAMBERS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

[15-4289](#)

Bill 46 Parks and Recreation, forwarded favorably Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars from Giant Food Stores for the purchase of Foamstream Equipment as part of the Non-Toxic Neighborhoods Initiative

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 46 Giant Food Store Donation](#)
[Ordinance #15715](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they voted 3 - 0 to send to full Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15715

[15-4290](#)

Bill 47 Parks and Recreation, forwarded favorably Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars from Alvin H. Butz, Inc. for the purchase of Summer Welcome Bags as a hiring incentive for seasonal staff hires in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 47 Alvin Butz Donation](#)
[Ordinance #15716](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they voted 3 - 0 to send to full Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais and any comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15716

[15-4291](#)

Bill 48 Parks and Recreation, forwarded favorably Amending the 2021 Trexler Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents. (\$301,767.50) from the Trexler Trust as the balance of the 2021 contribution per General Trexler's will.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 48 Trexler Additional Appropriation](#)
[Ordinance #15717](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they voted 3 - 0 to send to full Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15717

[15-4336](#)

Bill 55 Parks and Recreation, forwarded favorably
Amending the 2021 Trexler Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars from the Trexler Trust to support the Romper Day Program.

Attachments: [Bill 55 Romper Day Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15718](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they voted 3 - 0 to send to full Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15718

[15-4326](#)

Bill 57 Parks and Recreation, forwarded favorably
Amendment Needed: to increase borrowing to \$375,000 for a feasibility study on revenue and course improvements and yearly pay back of \$125,000.
An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Allentown authorizing a loan from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund, in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) Dollars to the City's Golf Fund.

Attachments: [Bill 57 2021 GOLF FUND LOAN](#)
[Golf Course Loan Details](#)
[Ordinance #15719](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if it is \$75,000. He stated that he thought they said \$100,000 initially.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that the administration is only requesting \$75,000.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it is \$75,000 for the Feasibility Study with \$125,000, \$125,000 and \$125,000 instead of \$100,000, \$100,000 and \$100,000.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they need to continue working on this. Making sure that things are done and finally complete all the things we have to do over there. One of things is another locker room and other places we need to work on. Make it a state of the art thing. We should continue to support it. He suggested to expand the parking lot because people are coming.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated if Mr. Guridy would recall, seven years ago the

city was not doing so well out there. They have made a mountain of progress with the Grounds Keepers and everybody out there. They have done a great job. It is important to keep it state of the art.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated to Mr. Guridy he is right. Like he said last week, you have to spend money to make money. This \$375,000 can come back two-folds, five-folds, 10 folds. You don't know. Time will tell. It is a great investment.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15719

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15719

[15-4292](#)

Bill 49 Discussion and passage

Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Million Three Hundred Forty-One Thousand One Hundred Seventeen (\$2,341,117) Dollars. This was the result of payment from UGI for the construction of ADA handicap ramps, milling and paving streets under the City's Utility Paving Program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 49 Utility Paving Program](#)

[Ordinance #15720](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if it went into Mr. Zucal's Committee.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated no. It did not.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked how do you want to handle it.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated to just vote on it.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes, just vote on it.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

[15-4297](#)

Bill 50 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably

Amending the 2021 General Fund budget to add one (1) Accountant position at a Paygrade 13N at an annual salary of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to enable the City to have the resources to design a

vision of the accounting, reconciliation and reporting procedures with respect to the American Rescue Plan Act funds that will allow the City to swiftly and accurately comply with Federal Audits.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 50 Accountant Position](#)
[ACCOUNTANT JOB DESCRIPTION](#)
[Ordinance #15721](#)

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that it was forwarded favorably to full Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this is the one they spoke about whether or not they should consider consultants for this since this is a temporary thing. Once we are done with the Rescue money there is no need to have an additional employee in the city.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he talked about it at the last committee meeting.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that they addressed it and Mr. Zucal raise an excellent point. Mr. O'Neill stated that the funds have to be expended by 2026. At least it is effective two years while we try to figure things out when the money comes in. We will get them obviously in two installments.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated that the benefits is having it staffed in house versus a contractor is enormous. The amount of contacts that this has with different funds, bureaus and department head. The funding is not exactly short-term. Once this is no longer what they need to talk about in 2026. If there is a vacancy, we can choose not to fill out. Contractors can be terribly expensive. It is something they can adapt to. Having another body in there will make a big difference. It is the most responsible way to be custodians of these funds to have someone directly answerable to our supervisors and to the Director of Finance.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he is satisfied with that answer.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked Mr. O'Neill if he checked on that to see how much it would become. Did you do any investigation or prior preliminary work?

Mr. Seth O'Neill asked a consultant or contract accounting service. if you were to get just a contract employee, 1099 employee. Do you want a junior accountant, a regular accountant, senior accountant or a CPA. Their rates do vary. Once you get to the top of the scale, he believes this is off the top of his head with a ballpark of \$60 - \$70 an hour was their pay rate for a CPA. The provision in the Interim fila rule Section on hiring state and local

government staff costs that are covered is payroll, covered benefits and other costs for hiring.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. O'Neill for answers. You are advocating for hiring. We have to do an audit every year.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated that it would be subject to a single audit. However, the Secretary of Treasury has the discretion to require Reporting Requirements. The city does not know the scope.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15721

[15-4298](#)

Bill 51 Public Safety, this evening
Amending the Civil Service Board (CSB) Rules for Police Officers that were adopted pursuant to the provisions of Article 155 of the Codified Ordinances by revising the Part II, Rule 1, Section 4 by revising and adding automatic disqualifiers for the hiring process for Rules Governing Appointment of Police Officers Pursuant to the Competitive Examination Process and also revising the same rules in Part III, Rule I, Section 4 of the Rules Governing Appointment of Police Officers Without Competition.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 51 Police Civil Service Rule Change](#)
[Ordinance #15722](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was in her committee and it was moved forward 2 - 1 to full Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

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Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the public or the administration.

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Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

A motion was made by Julio Guridy, seconded by Cynthia Mota, that this Ordinance be Suspend The Rules. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15722

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Absent: 1 - Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 15722

[15-4330](#)

Bill 54 Public Safety, this evening
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Thousand Four Hundred (\$2,400) Dollars from Good Shepherd for the purchase of radio transmitter bracelets for Project Lifesaver clients.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 54 Project Lifesaver](#)
[Ordinance #15723](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was passed 3 - 0.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

A motion was made by Julio Guridy, seconded by Cynthia Mota, that this Ordinance be Suspend The Rules. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15723

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15723

[15-4300](#)

Bill 52 CEDC, forwarded favorably
An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, as amended; The Homeless Emergency

Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 52 CDBG Account Set Up](#)
[Ordinance #15724](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it was forwarded favorably tonight and Council will be voting on it.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15724

[15-4333](#)

Bill 56

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$562,000) from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Immunization to assist the City's Health Bureau to accomplish COVID-19 vaccinations, routine vaccines for Children and Act 317 Vaccinations.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 56 Immunization Grant](#)
[IMMUNIZATION GRANT LINE ITEM DETAIL](#)
[Ordinance #15725](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it was forwarded favorably.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15725

[15-4296](#)

Bill 53 Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy, this evening

Charter Amendment on 5 mile radius requirement: All such heads of departments, offices, and agencies, need not be residents of the City at the time of appointment, but shall legally reside within five (5) miles of the City's borders within twelve (12) months of being appointed. The appointment will terminate automatically twelve months after the appointment if the

residency requirement has not been met. This provision shall apply to appointments under the requirements of the Charter.

Attachments: [Bill 53 Residency Requirement Ordinance #15666](#)

[Ordinance #15666](#)

[Ordinance #15726](#)

[Letter to Tim Benyo re Ordinance #15726 – To Extend The Geographic Limits of the City Requirement for City Heads of Departments, Offices and Agencies](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it was in the Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy Committee. It moved it favorably. He asked if there were any further comments.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked why they are making this change or why are we requesting it to be on the ballot to make this change.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is a Charter question. The administration felt that it was hard to find or maintain people.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it expands the talent pool. A person may want to work in Allentown, but not necessarily want to live in per se in Allentown. It gives them the options that they are not tied into it. If you become a director, you don't have to move here. You have that five miles radius. It widens the talent pool for good and talented people to come into Allentown.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that the school district has something to do with it.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he is not touching that one.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is better not to touch that one for now.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she remembers when this first came up. Let's see what the voters say. If there were two equally qualified candidates and one was willing to move to Allentown and one wasn't willing to move to Allentown to get that job. In terms of the school district, that is up to us to make sure we help potential applicants know the good things that are happening in the school district. You can get an associate's degree. That is up to the city to market the wonderful things that the school district is doing instead of letting test scores be the narrative.

Ms. Frances Fruhwirth stated that in response to Ms. Gerlach's question, the Council did enact this ordinance sending it to the Board of Elections in May. At the time, the Board of Elections held a Hearing to match up the Plain English Statement that is required by the Election Code and the city's ordinance and found a discrepancy in the language. That is why we are

revisiting this to get the language precise. The last version was not clear on when.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that basically it is saying 12 months and you don't have to live in the city after 12 months.

Ms. Frances Fruhwirth stated that what it is, you move into five miles of the city limits within 12 months of the day you are appointed.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he has his reservations personally. He is not completely against it, but he thinks the more people they have living in the city and working in the city is better for all of us. We are sending it to the public to vote on.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they won't be voting on this.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that the only reason she is voting on this is because it is putting it to the voters. if it were Council's decision, it would be a capital NO. the voters will get to decide. She stated that maybe they can make it plainer.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she does agree with Ms. Gerlach. One of the important things is for the voters to know and understand what it really means. In a nutshell that is up to us to educate that this is going to be coming up and have them choose on what they want.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15726

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-4299](#)

R79 CEDC, forwarded favorably
Approves the Submission of the Action Plan to the United States
Department of Housing and Urban Development

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R79 CDBG ACTION PLAN](#)
[Resolution #30230](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public. Refer to the Community and Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Ms. Gerlach had it.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it was forwarded favorably to this Council meeting.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30230

[15-4363](#)

R88

Resolution of the Pennsylvania Emergency Solutions Grant Authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [R88 ESG - LV RHAB GRANT APPLICATION](#)
[Resolution #30231](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30231

[15-4354](#)

R89

Authorizes Submission of a Formal Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Grant of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to support the DaVinci Science Center Downtown Allentown Project.

Attachments: [R89 RACP DAVINCI CENTER DOWNTOWN PROJECT](#)
[Resolution #30232](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they have done this type of thing. He asked if there were any comments from the dais, the public or the administration.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated none.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30232

[15-4364](#)

R90

Sewage Planning Module for 207 North Front Street

Attachments: [R90 207 N. Front Street Urban Residential Multi-Family Development - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[Sewer Planning Module - 207 N. Front Street](#)
[Resolution #30233](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Council knows this one as well. Are there any comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30233

[15-4360](#)

R91

Confirms commitment of \$375,000 from the General Fund to the Bogerts Bridge Restoration Capital Project.

Attachments: [R91 RACP BOGERTS BRIDGE GRANT FUNDS COMMITMENT](#)

[Resolution #30234](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they talked about this as well. He asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30234

[15-4365](#)

R92

Cancels the July 7, 2021 Council Meeting

Attachments: [R92 Cancels July 7th Council Meeting](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated traditionally they have done this since it is the 4th of July and they want to celebrate our Independence Day. Any further comments from the dais or the public.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Tom Burke always voted against this.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he does not know why.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30235

[15-4370](#)

R93

Transfer Approvals: \$186,742.94 in Finance for the Fire union contract implementation; \$25,445.25 in Parks Maintenance needed to move money into proper account for the pool/park climber; \$12,000 in Finance for the administration software update to allow for implementation of the TD Bank Payment Processing Center.

Attachments: [R93 Transfers](#)
[POOL CLIMBER](#)
[FIRE DEPT PERMANENT WAGES](#)
[TD BANK](#)
[Resolution #30236](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked to be reminded who had this, Finance.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that we just received this.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments. Should the administration explain it?

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that there are Transfers to meet the city's obligations.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30236

[15-4307](#) R80 Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy, this evening
Amends Council Rules by starting the meetings at 6:30 PM, putting Contract Approvals under the Order of Business, creating a Consent Agenda and 'codifying' the practice the body has used to change their rules.

Sponsors: Affa, Guridy, Mota and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [R80 Council Rules](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

A motion was made by Julio Guridy, seconded by Ce-Ce Gerlach, that this Resolution be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30237

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30237

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

[15-4366](#)

Bill 58 Request to vote on
Amending the 2021 Stormwater Fund by transferring Two Million (\$
2,000,000) Dollars from the unappropriated balance of the Stormwater
Fund to the Capital Fund for Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements

Attachments: [Bill 58 Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements](#)
[Ordinance #15727](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked how much money the city has in the unappropriated
balance.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated a lot.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated that he can answer that. He does not have the main
numbers in front of him, but it is over \$6 million. That is more than their
annual revenue. To say it is a healthy fund balance is responsible.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is over \$7 million.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he is wondering if they should lowest the
amount of the taxes.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked would that money be replaced back in the American
Rescue Fund.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated that the Rules are in the interim stage right now. It
seems abundantly clear that it would be an allowable use.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or
the public.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that this one would need six out of the seven
votes to make it go into effect immediately.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce
Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15727

[15-4356](#)

Bill 59
Amending the 2021 Capital Projects Fund and the 2021 Trexler Fund to
provide for a transfer of Three Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Three
Hundred Twelve Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$399,312.30) from the Trexler
Fund Capital Contribution Account to Capital Project 2213 (Valania Park
Renovations) and Capital Project 2206 (Jordan Creek Greenway Trail).

Attachments: [Bill 59 Trexler Transfer](#)

Mr. Julio Gurdy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-4362](#)

Bill 60

Amending the 2021 General Fund budget to create one (1) Project Manager position at a Paygrade 14N at an annual salary of Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$69,200) to assist the Department of Community and Economic Development as well as other departments with implementation, oversight and management of city-wide projects.

Attachments: [Bill 60 CD Project Manager](#)
[CED Project Manager - 2021 Job Description](#)

Mr. Julio Gurdy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

[15-4355](#)

Bill 61

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars from Stonyfield Organic for the purchase of Foamstream Equipment as part of the Non-Toxic Neighborhoods Initiative.

Attachments: [Bill 61 STONYFIELD ORGANIC DONATION](#)

Mr. Julio Gurdy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

[15-4367](#)

Bill 62

Amending the 2021 General Fund budget to create One (1) additional position of Community Health Nurse (11N) in the Allentown Health Bureau (AHB). This position and related expenses will be covered by a One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollar donation from St. Luke's Physician Group, Inc. to assist the Allentown School District in becoming a Vaccines for Children Provider (VFC).

Attachments: [Bill 62 ST LUKE'S PHYSICIAN GROUP DONATION - VFC](#)

Mr. Julio Gurdy stated that they discussed at committee and asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

[15-4335](#)

Bill 63 Refer to Allentown and Lehigh Valley Planning Commissions
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY
OF ALLENTOWN BY REZONING THE FOLLOWING NINE (9) PARCELS:

Attachments: [Bill 63 Allentown School District Zoning Ordinance \(01599819x9F954\)](#)
[Exhibit-A-Zoning Map Change \(01599804x9F954\)](#)
[Allentown School District Rezoning Request Petition \(9 Parcels\)](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE ALLENTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE
LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

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

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE

Ms. Candida Affa stated that regarding the Residency Requirement question she meant to say that their children could be in a different school district. A senior or junior and they do not want to take them out of the school.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that they call it an exit year, fifth grade to sixth, eighth - ninth, and 12th to college. He wants to echo Ms. Gerlach's comments. You only hear the bad that is happening at ASD, not the good. Three weeks ago they had 33 students at Allen, Dieruff and Building 21 got a high school diploma and a two-year degree. Their are good, solid, and talented kids in the school district.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she remembers years ago there was a student and the only one in the entire Lehigh Valley that got a full scholarship to Harvard and graduated from Allen High School.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated there was one student that went to Harvard and the twin girls went to Princeton and a student went to Yale.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he remembers Don Bernhard's daughter went to Princeton. He thanked Ms. Affa for clarifying that.

ADJOURNED: 9:11 PM