



Minutes - Final

Public Works Committee

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Zucal

[15-7406](#)

Bill 118

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$737,219.43) from LCA for the purpose of construction ADA handicap ramps and for the milling and paving of streets under the City's Utility Paving Program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 118 LCA Cost Share Agreement](#)

[Ordinance #16090](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated thank you so much, Mr. Shahda.

Mr. Mark Shahda thanked Councilperson Gerlach and stated that this funding here is part of the annual cost share agreement that they have with Lehigh County Authority. He stated that they are giving the city \$737,000 to repave the roads. The roads that they are going to be doing the watermain upgrades. This money the city will pave a one and a half miles of roadways, along with replacing 100 handicap ramps throughout different locations in the city.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok, great. Thank you. She asked if there were any questions from any of her colleagues on the committee or off the committee. She stated Mr. Hendricks.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Shahda and asked when he says cost sharing, is that a 50/50 split or is it.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that is an agreement that they have with the Utility Companies where they go in and they change out the infrastructure below the streets. They change out the infrastructure in exchange for having a program setup with them, when they give us the funding to go and restore the streets correctly. The proper way per our city ordinances. He stated that they benefit by paving the roads forward from curb to curb. They also give us the money to take care of the ADA ramps along those streets.

They save the taxpayers and property owners that burden, that financial burden of having to change out the handicap ramps.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, it is actually our benefit in doing that then.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that it is their benefit that they get a fully paved road along with handicapped ramps at the Utilities expense and not having to pass the expense along to our citizens.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Shahda.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok, great, Mr. Zucal. He asked just one quick question and asked what if it is some curbing issues in adjacent to those handicap ramps. He stated that he knows before when they placed all of the sidewalks, a homeowner had to pay for it. He asked what is the situation with this.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that this is considered paving so the curbing ordinance wouldn't be applied. That curb ordinance only applies when they do their own in-house street paving program.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated alright, thank you. She asked if any members of the public have any questions or comments on this.

A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Ce-Ce Gerlach, that this Bill be forwarded to the full Council.

Yes: 2 - Ce-Ce Gerlach and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

[15-7407](#)

Bill 119

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Ferber Company for traffic signal improvements.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 119 Traffic Signal Contribution](#)
[Ordinance #16091](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated alright, thank you so much, Mr. Shahda.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated thank you. They are receiving a \$10,000 contribution from the developer from the former Brass Rail site where the Wawa is going to be going. He stated that typically with land developments, the developer always issues a financial contribution to the city to improve traffic signals along that corridor. He stated what they intend on doing with that \$10,000 is that they are going to be changing out and adding retro

reflective back plates on the traffic signal heads along with doing some line painting and adding pedestrian equipment along the Lehigh Street corridor.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated great and asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais. She asked if this developer willingly is making a \$10,000 donation and you said that happens sometimes. There is nothing that is in writing that requires or even requests it.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated no. He stated that they do it as a courtesy. There is nothing that they could require. He stated that they are very fortunate to at least receive the \$10,000 to do some improvements to our traffic signal systems. She asked if there were any questions from the public.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that this will also move forward to the regular meeting. She stated that is the only agenda item. She asked if they have anything else. She stated that they still have a couple more minutes.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that he would like to give Council a quick update on our leaf collection program. He is very pleased with the work that the Streets Department did with collecting the leaves this season. He stated that each part of town received two regularly scheduled pickups along with a final sweep of the entire city. He stated that he is very pleased with the Streets Department and the progress that they did. He stated that luckily they were able to collect all the leaves without having to deal with the snowstorm. He stated that they are very fortunate that the snow in the winter months held off and gave them an opportunity to pick up the leaves. He stated that they are very fortunate to have an opportunity and the Streets Department really did a good job with their leaf collection program this year.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated great. Thank you so much.

A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Ce-Ce Gerlach, that this Bill be forwarded to the full Council.

Yes: 2 - Ce-Ce Gerlach and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Adjournment: 5:35 PM