



Allentown

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Minutes - Final

City Council

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Council Chambers

Ms. Jeanie Sanders, General Code, stated that she is starting with the city's website. Currently, when anyone wants to access the Code of Ordinances, they go to the Government tab and they click on Codified Ordinances and this is traditionally what we have done here in the city of Allentown. You will see as you scroll down all of the ordinances and you will be able to open them one at a time, read them and search through them. Now, going forward she is going to go back to where we were in this same tab. Right underneath there, it is called now the Proposed Code. On January 1st, it is going to be the Code that people will go to and this is the website that they will be at and the major difference is that all of the ordinances are housed under one roof. Here, residents of the city or anyone who works at the city could scroll through here, stop on any one of the chapters and click on it and then it is if you are opening the Code Book itself. You can see how that chapter is organized. if you want to go right to a specific section, you can click on that and read what it is here. One of the really nice features of having the Code in this format is that every single piece of the Code has its own selection box. She stated that if she clicks on one of the checked boxes because she may be answering a question for a resident or she lives in the city and she wants to email Mike and ask him a question about this piece of the Code. She can select it and with the menu that drops down print this portion of the Code, and go to a neighborhood meeting and say this is what our Code of Ordinances say or right next to the print button, is a handy email button and what that is going to do, it is going to compose an email for the user with a direct link to the piece of the Code you might have a question about and now she could direct this to Mike or if she is on the phone for Mike answering questions from the residents, she can send them a link to this Code. Another thing that she could do is if she wanted to know what the Code Book looked like, this is really a nice feature for the city. She said she is going to click on the home button to take her back to the beginning because if she needed a piece of the Code and she wanted to know what the personnel policies were and it is really what she is working on, she can select that chapter by clicking on its checkbox and she can download that right to PDF and what happens is then is she does not have to go into Mike's office and ask for a copy of the Code Book or she does not have to ask him to get her own

copy. She can download a PDF of a single Chapter or as many chapters that she would like to look at or for that matter, she is going to click on the home button and will show them that she can click this download button if she does not select any of the chapters at all. She can actually download the entire Code to PDF and put it on her computer and that way if she ever wants to know what the Code says for the city, she is not depended on the internet being good an active. She has a PDF that she can read, search and print from. That is a very handy feature. The most popular thing people do with an online Code is search it. let's take an example that she is a new resident in Allentown and she likes to keep chickens and she does not know what the city of Allentown has in its Code about the keeping of chickens.

She would go here to the search term bar and she might type chicken, or she is not sure the Solicitor might have called it poultry. She will try that too, maybe fowl. She can type in coup or rooster and when she types in her search terms, the entire Code gets searched and then she finds here right in the middle all of the results that matched what she typed so she can look through here and here you go, the keeping of certain animals are prohibited. She can click on this and it can take her right to the piece of the Code where she can learn about that and then further the conversation with Mike about what is and what is not allowed. That is sort of a world-wind tour of what you are your residents will be able to do with the Code. To summarize, it is available to everyone. They can read, search, print, and email portions of the Code and then as an extra bonus, a very important thing what people are looking at is the Code and right at the top it is always going to say that it includes legislation through the most up-to-date piece of legislation in the Code. Right now, she can see that all the legislation through July of 2021 is here in the Code and everything that has been passed by the city is over here in the new laws section. She can click that and she can read it. She can see as an example that Ordinance #15747 was approved on September 8th of 2021. It is about Civil Service and this new legislation is going to be found in Chapter 5 the next time the Code is updated. She stated that she likes to show them a little thing that they like to do to help this to be at the forefront of people's minds. Over here on your home page, you might notice these icons sort of in the margins. These will let a user know that there is a new law that affects this Chapter and indeed if she opens Chapter 5 where it says it is a new law, there is a note generated by the system and maintained by the system that would let the user know that they can go ahead and read here Chapter 5 as it exists in the Code Book right now and they can also look at the new law that would affect these Chapters so when they click that link, a new tap in the browser will open up and it will show everything that is in the amendment and then when the Code book is updated what we are going to do is take this piece of legislation and add it to Chapter 5. She stated let her show you a little bit

of what will happen. This will go away. This note, this new law Section will go down to zero and they will update this date here so that a user hitting the Code will know the Code that they are looking at includes the legislation up to the latest date. She asked if anyone had any questions or comments.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked are you done or are you just asking about this particular section.

Ms. Jeanie Sanders stated that she is really done with the presentation. This is what she imagines that the users in the city would use the Code for.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is a great presentation. He thinks it is going to be really good for the city. He does the same thing. When he does not know what he is looking for, he usually goes into the search area and search where it is and usually get a response right away, but he is not sure about the rest of them. He asked if anybody on the dais has any questions or comments.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he would mention that it is attached to Google Translate so you can translate the Code into any language.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that is great. It is a great job. It is very easy to follow and she did a wonderful presentation.

Mr. Ed Zucal gave a big shout out to Mike because he put a lot of time and energy into this.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that is right, Michael.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated and a lot of other people in the city too.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it was a citywide effort for some people and he would like to say it was something that they were looking for a while and it is going to be real nice for the users. He thanked everybody and asked if there were any further comments.

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

Mr. Joe Tomanik stated that he has a business at 112 S. 8th Street for 47 years. He has a second floor apartment above his shop and a third floor apartment above his shop. His third floor apartment has not been rented for over a year. He is having extreme problems getting the electric turned on. He does not know the City of Allentown or PPL or a combined conglomerate between the two got together and decided that now instead of calling PPL and telling them to turn the electric on, you now have to hire an electrician, he has to come down here and pull a permit and the city has to come out and inspect it which none of this other took place before. No one send a letter stating that this has to happen. In this day and age, you know how hard it is to get an electrician in the first place. Especially, one that don't have to do anything. There are eight outlets and a panel. That is it. Nothing was deleted, nothing was added, nothing was changed. The only thing that happened in that apartment was a paint job and new carpeting. If somebody would have told the landlords that, if you let this power go out and do not put it in your name and leave a lightbulb turned on, pay \$10 a month, you are going to have to go through all these hoops. He stated that he has a Contract signed November 14. Today is December 15 and the man has been on the street for four weeks. He still does not have a permit. He thinks that is totally outrageous. What does he do about it because the electrician was here yesterday and the lady that has to take care of it was off today. Yet, he had to pay him to come in here to do this. This is ridiculous. Something that should only cost \$40 - \$50 bucks, he is almost at \$1,000 in the rears already. What are we going to do about it?

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the Mayor is here and so is the Director of Community and Economic Development. You can give you name to Mr. Hanlon and they will call you.

Mr. Joe Tomanik asked if the city has a Rental Inspection department.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they will call you and tell you what is going on. We do have a Rental Inspection program. Please give your name to Mr. Hanlon right here. They will call you. They are very efficient on that.

Mr. Michael Hanlon suggested to give it to Mr. Lightner.

Jeanie Garcia, 208 S. 13th Street, stated that 2021 has been a rough year for all of us. As you know, we lost two more people in the City of Allentown, brothers due to gun violence. We are at 13 now. That is one a month plus one. That is fatalities. She stated that she hopes in 2022 they can really wrap their heads around this public safety issue. She wants to work with Council and the nonprofits here that has been in front of you many times want to work with you. That is just unacceptable. Five o'clock pm. Two lives. Two brothers who lost their life in front of neighbors that have been

residents on that street of the 800 Block of Ellinger Street for years. You have residents that have been there for 30 years and have not seen things like this happen on their particular block. It is no secret that there is bloodshed in the city of Allentown and it has been swept under the carpet, not because it wants to be swept under the carpet, but nobody knows how to come together to tackle this problem. Next year, please she really wants to sit down and really work on this together as a whole. All of you behind her and all of them in blue and anybody that cares about the city of Allentown and the neighbors that live here, this is not a b-l-t-c-h fest. This is a plea, again for a collective collaboration on tackling public safety for the city of Allentown. We have beautiful development happening here. The city is looking beautiful. Building are being built. Apartment buildings are being built from the ground up. Everywhere she turns, there is construction signs up of groundbreaking new developments. Let's please tackle that public safety issue as much as making the city beautiful. We want people to come here and live here. People are escaping metro cities like Philadelphia, New York City and New Jersey to come here for the safety of there children. Us as Allentonians are not welcoming and inviting when we are not tackling these issues. They are commuting to here and they move here to save money on rents and taxes and then they have to deal with the public safety issue. The experience that she had talking to these individuals because she is out in the city. She stated that she walks the streets. She engage with the people. She is a community organizer, number 1. Community engagement is Number 1 to her. They are like, why did I even move her. It is worse here than where they came from. She stated that they know where her heart is at and knows how they feel. She stated that she knows where their heart is at too. Let's stop the bull crap. Let's put everything aside and let's really work together in 2022 to make Allentown just not a beautiful place to live, but a safe place to live.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Ms. Garcia and stated that she knows the drill.

Contract Approvals

[15-4774](#)

R207

Authorization for Contract with Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., not to exceed, \$474,945 to assist with a wide range of Stormwater Management Program support services to ensure compliance with, and develop required program components of, its Phase I, MS4 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, competitively bid, multiple vendors, 3 year contract, could be extended for two one year agreements.

Attachments: [R207 Wood Environmental Resolution #30351](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeill stated that this was done as RFP2021 - 34. It was

advertised on Public Purchase and accessed by 57 vendors. Four responses were received. An evaluation committee made of eight people evaluated all proposals based on the RFP requirement. After all the evaluation were computed, the committee is recommending an award to Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. The estimated cost of the initial contract term is \$474,945. The city has successfully done business with this vendor before.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Ms. McNeill and 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: 30351

[15-4778](#)

R208

Authorization for Contract with King George Fleet Services in the amount of \$2,693,221.90 for year 1 and \$2,730,546.15 for year 2 for Municipal Fleet Maintenance Services, may be renewed for three (3) additional one (1) year terms.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R208 Fleet Maintenance](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeill stated that this was done as RFP 2021-39. It was advertised on Public Purchase and it was accessed by 16 vendors and two responses were received. An evaluation committee of nine people evaluated all proposals based on the company's ability to meet RFP requirements. After all the evaluations were computed, the committee is recommending as award to King George Fleet Services. The cost of the contract for year 1 is \$2,693,221.90. The cost in year two is \$2,730,546.15.

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

Mr. Ed Zucal asked about the 16 bidders and eventually it was sent to 16 people and he believes two responded.

Ms. Sarrah McNeill stated no. It was sent to multiple vendors, but it gets posted on Public Purchase. She stated that 16 vendors actually accessed the bid, but only two responded to the RFP.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he knows she said it was a panel. Why was this particular King George Fleet chosen over the other one.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it was chosen as far as the scoring that was put in the RFP where it is put in as far as the Technical Proposal and

for their Cost Proposal. The committee met and read over all of the RFPs, scored them, met along with the Purchasing Department first of all to do the technical end. Second, after the technical scores were in they met for the cost proposals and put the scores in and a final award was made after that.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked has anybody review their final performance.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that the people put in their references. The references were called.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he went on their site today and read some of the reviews. They are only rated at a 2.3 out of 5. He stated to him that is not a very good score. There are some other issues that he thinks. Obviously, they are nonunion.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that they have union and nonunion shops. It all depends on the place they are at. Some of them are more union and some are not union.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that they are probably going to keep some of the personnel there now and they are arguing. The ones they are going to bring in, are there discussions with SEIU whether or not they are willing to join the union.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that is the right of the members to discuss that with the contractors themselves. They have union shops and nonunion. They are capable of doing the same thing with the last contractor. Again, they deal with the contractor. It is separate from what the city is. That was something that he did ask specifically whether or not they had union shops and they do.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked was there any talks with our current SEIU and King George when you were dealing with selecting them.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that once an RFP is out, they are not allowed to discuss any of that with anybody else other than the people that are reviewing the RFPs.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that since it's been approved.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that he still can't. The law states that he cannot speak to anyone else.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked about the breakdown of what it is going to cost in parts

and in personnel vs what it was for Centerra and are we saving money or no.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that they have to provide that. The increase in the contract is specifically put towards the salary range. At this point, he does not know if he is allowed to say the breakdown or not. The increase is strategically put on the salary and fringe benefit line.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked is it an increase, yes or no. For the last year and a half, we were talking about bringing it in-house. Was there any consideration or proposal of what it would cost to have it in-house vs. the bid you received from King George.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated yes, there is. He stated that he had that and offered everybody to see it on Council and a couple of the Council members did come and see the presentation with it. Not everyone accepted coming over. Whether or not it is during the day or in the evening. Whenever you want to come to see it, it will be fine. He would point that out to them now at this point in time. After this vote is done, he will be glad to share it with any one of them. He did provide it and the night that he did provide the number it was actually said that yes, they agree with the increase of what it is.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked is there a proposal drawn up for in-house. Not just the cost.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that he gave cost proposals on the budget both ways. The cost proposal for going out and having it as a contract is something that they have done since 1994 or 1995. It was actually done from October to September at that time. This is the first time and prior to this they actually had to go out for another RFP while the other contract was still in place.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that when he talked to him earlier most or if not all city employees are going to be hired. Obviously, you remember back in June of 2020, there was a somewhat non-strike where himself and other Council members had to get involved in escorting some of the current workers into there. His question is if you are hiring, you can put a name on any of the bidders, it does not matter. If you are not fixing the problems that are already there you are just putting different icing on the same cake. There is concern about whether or not if we don't vote yes on this whether or not Centerra is going to fix our equipment come September 1. He remember back in August 22, 2020 the mayor and he was allowed to do without Council's approval signed an additional three year extension for them. His question to City Council or the Council Solicitor that should this get voted

down it is his understanding that they still have a contract, if we turn this down therefore we did not accept them. He believes that Centerra still under their contract obligation from the agreement with the mayor still obligated to repair our equipment. He asked is he correct.

Ms. Sarah Rotz stated that the Solicitor's office opinion is that the Fleet Services Contract cannot be discussed because of the potential of litigation. Director Messinger can speak to it. There is still a contract.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated there is a contract, but at this point there was reason for the city to go out for another RFP for reasons at this point in time he can not put out. At that point in time, they saw fit that they needed to put this out as another RFP to make sure we ensure that we have Fleet Services coming up the new year. Obviously, as stated there are certain things that can and cannot be said. We had to the point make sure the city can secure the proper way to an RFP to make sure that we have Contract Services and Fleet Services to continue on to make sure we have all our vehicles repaired as necessary. There are certain things that he can and cannot say. He stated that they had to do this.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he does understand his point and the RFP and the procedure you did is proper. However, Centerra did not put in a bid to continue because their contract is still currently going.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that at this point in time they provided to him what they feel would be necessary to continue on.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if they are still obligated under the Contract that was agreed to by the mayor.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that at this point in time there is still a contract in place with them.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if they will have two contracts going on simultaneously or not.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it would be litigation if we approve them when Centerra is still under contract.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that is part of his question. Can anybody answer that?

Ms. Sarah Rotz stated that it is in place until it is somehow done. If this is approved then it will be two contracts.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked why would we have two contracts going on at the same time. It is a waste of money.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that if this would be approved there will be steps taken so that the existing contract would cease to be.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked can they void that contract. Can we void the Centerra Contract without any fault to ourselves.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that it gets into some aspects of litigation and one of the things we talked about in the Executive Session earlier in the week. The potential for litigation he hesitates to say too much more about it at that point. If this would be approved and he will welcome Mr. Messinger to add to this. Steps would need to be taken so that we don't have two contracts in effect at the same time.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that at your vote tonight, there is no contract. He stated that Council is allowing them to go ahead and get into a contract. Tonight, there will not be two contracts. Steps will be taken prior to entering into the other contract.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that is a fair statement.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked when is the Centerra Contract due.

Mayor Ray O'Connell asked when is it over, 2023.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated the whole point of his statement if they have to continue to work is this, he recommended to his colleague that they vote no on this. Let us have some time or Mayor Tuerk come up with a plan to bring it in-house sense that seems to be the consensus among most of the city people he spoke to anyway.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that what he hears is that if they do that they may find themselves without anybody taking care of the fleet.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated no. Centerra has to continue to work on our equipment. They have an obligation to 2023.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked Mr. Messinger what is his counter-argument on that.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that obviously there is enough signs in place that we took the time to go out for an RFP. He can tell them and he has to be careful on certain things he can say and certain things he cannot say. He does not feel comfortable. He would not be going out for an RFP and

going through the hundreds of pages of documents, going through the painstaking review process, making sure that other people are part of that process. He would not be going through this process if there was not a reason. This is a potential nine year contract. He would not have to worry about doing another RFP for this contract. There are reasons that they did this. If you approve it tonight, there are not two contracts in place. There will not be two contracts in place. Steps will be taken with the other contract first prior to the fact of signing this contract. They are not breaking any laws here. There will not be two contracts in place. It is called phasing.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that Mr. Messinger is stating it correctly.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she on the other hand will ask her colleagues to vote yes for this. She stated that they have not been happy with Centerra for how long. If we say no to this, we are stuck with them. With this new company, there is an increase in salary for the workers and benefits. They have the option to go with the union.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated yes. As any other shop. Just like the shop was there before.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she would wonder why we would not say yes to this. We are going to be stuck with this other company that we have not been happy with. If we say yes to this one contract. That is the contract that we will go with. If we say no. We are stuck with the last one. She stated that she does not understand why if someone was going to increase to our employees and their benefits and we can give them a chance to see if they can do a lot better than the other company did, correct.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated correct.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he is just going to echo some of the comments by Councilperson Zucal. His chief concern and it has been expressed by some members of Council since this issue has been raised is that frankly they should have never given up operational control of fleet maintenance as it was. He stated that Councilperson Zucal has spoke and he echoes his concerns as well as his aspirations. Many of them thinks that it should be an in-house service. That we should return garage maintenance to the city. Whatever those cost will be is a worthwhile endeavor. We had this conversation ago that the previous administrations have said that their biggest regrets were ever outsourcing this service in the first place. We talked about public safety frequently. The ability to maintain city control and overall public safety vehicles and our entire vehicle

apparatus is instrumental to the ability to deliver services. His concern is that the next Council is going to push to bring it in-house. Why sign a two year contract and oblige us to something if the intention down the line is and as we expressed over six months now. We want to move in the direction of in-house anyway. Why would we approve a contract with a firm and he is sure Councilperson Zucal's concern is that they are going to retain the same management staff and the individuals that brought on a lot of dysfunction in the first place. He stated that it makes sense to bring it in-house. He does not feel comfortable approving a contract that is out of sync with those principles and intention. He is going to stand with their friends in SEIU and organized labor in terms of what they want and in terms of what he thinks will be best for us. He is glad that the contract increases salaries. That is a good step. that was the biggest issue in the first place. We are not competitive with other city garages. The same would be true if we brought it in-house and also will have direct operational control and would not have to go through a third party service and would not have to privatize it. At the end of the day, he cannot support something like that. It countervails his principles and what he believes in the city in the long run. At the end of the day, he understands the subtly and the thin needle that you are threading Mr. Messinger. He stated that he understands what exactly what he is trying to say. The reality is that we need to get on the glide path to bringing the garage in-house. If the issue is that Centerra is being derelict in their duties then that is an issue. We signed a contract with a firm and they were supposed to meet certain criterions. If they are refusing to meet them or aren't meeting them obviously that is an ongoing or potential legal matter. We need to rectify that in the short-term. They need to be made to deal with what they are expected to do to bring this in-house. For the life of me, why would we be willing to part ways with taxpayer dollars and not go after a firm who is clearly not meeting the expectations that we put on them when we signed that contract. He is glad that the contract increases salaries. That is a good step. The biggest issue in the first place is that they were not competitive with other city garages. The same would be true if we brought it in-house. We also have direct operational control and don't have to go through a third party service. We wouldn't have to privatize it. At the end of the day, he cannot support something like that. It countervails his principles and what he believes in terms of what is best for the city in the long run. At the end of the day, he understands the subtly, the thin needle you are threading Mr. Messinger and understands exactly what he is trying to say. The reality is that they need to get on a glidepath to bringing the garage in-house. If the issue is Centerra is being derelict in their duties then that is an issue. We signed a contract with a firm and they were supposed to meet certain criterion and if they are refusing to meet them or aren't meeting them, obviously that is an ongoing or potential legal matter then we need to rectify that. In the short-term, they need to be made to deal with what they are expected to do

until we can bring this back in-house. For the life of him, why would they be willing part ways with taxpayer dollars and not go after a firm that is clearing not meeting the expectations that we put on them when we signed that contract is an issue. He stated that he will be voting no on this because simply he frankly thinks that they should have been having a discussion about bringing this in-house at this moment now, it should have been done already. He stated that is where he stands.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked Mr. Messinger if they bring this in-house, didn't he say it wasn't going to be cost effective and do you have to staff for this.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated correct. He stated yes, he does and he provided it before. He was really not getting in the point of having to go through this whole presentation again, but if anybody would like to look at it. The numbers show that it will be \$631,000 more for it to come in-house per year. He stated again, he offered this to everyone on Council. Only a couple of Councilmembers took him up on it. They saw the presentation. They saw the numbers. We had the meeting here. We had the union here. They agreed on those numbers. He stated that he does not know what else to provide at that point in time. When you look at it as that much more expensive. If he was coming to them after they had the meeting the other night and say we have to watch what we are spending. We can't hire new employees. We can't get the employees that we need yet. We just saw that the other night. All the positions that were eliminated. He stated that they can't do what they need to do with our own city employees and now you want to spend another \$631,000. He stated that he doesn't get it. We have operations that are not being taken place right now and again, the other night, the idea is that they had for making sure those operations are getting done in other departments were deleted. He stated that he gets it. They are going to address it and look at it in the first quarter, but the whole ideas is that everybody up there said that you are a steward of the taxpayers money. There are many times that he comes in here and says that this is cost effective and we can do it in-house. This is cost effective to make sure that we have union members doing their job. He stated that he is an ex-union person. His father was a union person. His uncle was a union person. How people their whole lives everybody worked at Bethlehem Steel. His whole family worked for the city of Allentown. We are all proud of it. When it comes down to it, he has to tell them one way or another whether it is the best way of doing it or the most cost effective way of doing it. He stated that he has done it year after year after year. It is to the point where if you don't trust his numbers go ahead and do what you want to do, but he can tell them right now come January 1, if he doesn't know if this city is being taken care of with a qualified contractor at that place, he won't be here. He stated that they do what they need to do. He does not know what else. He stated that he is being very honest with them.

He stated that he will not be put at failure where something happens for the city of Allentown where the equipment isn't repaired. He stated that he lived this job. He stated that everybody can have their own opinion. He has his time to speak to. When it comes down to it, he lives this life. He stated that he is the one that gets the call on the weekend when something is not going right. He stated that you don't. When you do get the call, he gets the call. It comes down to the fact that if you want to know what the best thing to do right here, right now, tonight, it is to vote yes to this contract.

Ms. Candida Affa thanked Mr. Messinger and stated that she got the point. She was one of them along with Councilman Hendricks that sat for 20 minutes to 30 minutes and listened to your presentation. She stated that when they left they knew it was a no brainer. She resents anyone on Council to say that why are we going to do this because we all agree that we want it in-house. She stated to Mr. Siegel that she does not. This is one of the reasons she says yes to this because she knows his numbers and remembers his numbers at a presentation during budget season. You showed us all the numbers. It is ludacris to think that we can bring it in-house especially now when you can't even get employees and you are telling us it is going to cost us over \$600,000 more a year to go in-house when the people that come in have the opportunity to be union. She stated that she does not understand and agrees with Mr. Messinger that it is on his shoulders and you are one hell of a director. She stated that she trust him and trust his figures.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Ms. Affa and stated that this contract will be for a one year contract with an opportunity of two years.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is two years and three - one additional year.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that you can stop it in two years, if you decide.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated yes.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he likes the idea that the employees will be able to get into the SEIU. He, himself was an former SEIU years ago. He worked for the county and was SEIU for the county. Regardless of that, he would say that unless there are any further comments from the floor.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked operationally if this was to be voted down, what would that look like. She may have already said that, but she needs to hear it again.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that if it is voted no, they stick with what they

have which is deficient at this point and time. He does not see it changing and it puts everybody at risk.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker stated that here we are four months later and the same thing. Our good friend Lou Hershman put it right, you are kicking it down the road by doing this and pushing it off. There is no way this new company and stated that he doesn't even know them, but what are their margins. They are not doing this for nothing and if the city workers can't do this for that 20 percent or let's say 15 - 30 percent margin. He stated that he doesn't know what it is. Maybe it is 22 - 25 percent. People don't take a job for five percent margin. Ten percent, but they might take a 15 percent. Take this 15 percent on this \$2 million. Take the 30 percent on this \$2 million. The city might have that to play with. You mean to tell me you can't do it. He stated that he doesn't understand this. These numbers that she talks about nobody has seen them. He stated that he was here at the presentation. There are numbers of there that nobody understands. It was \$150,000 for this guy and \$97,000 for that guy. Look at this thing. When you looked at what the Centerra Contract, we have copies of that. He stated that he does not know how they can vote on something that they don't know what is in there. We don't even know if it compares to what they are doing now. Exactly from Centerra to this one. How do you vote on something, you don't know what is in there? He says that he can't talk about it. You could go back to the old contract and make a line by line comparison which you probably have to do. He stated that he does not know if they did it. Lou Hershman said stop kicking it down the road. In two years or less, you will be in the same position. You can't vote for something like that. Take it back in-house and run it for two years. If you can't do anything, go on and don't do anything.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that once it is in-house, it won't get out of the house.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker stated that it should have never have gone out of the house. You have control. When you talk about healthcare, we don't know what their healthcare is. They say we will give you more healthcare. What is that? Make a line item comparison. Tell me that they have a better healthcare than SEIU. SEIU has one of the most cheapest healthcare programs ever. Try to find him one that is cheaper. Try to look at the numbers. They are cheaper. A lot cheaper. You can go to the Auditor, Mr. Glazier and let him audit. He should have done one six months ago, but he probably was not directed to do it. Tells us line by line. Look at the facts. You should not do it.

Mr. Ryan Hunsicker stated that here we are again. The same thing. All you people on Council with all respect heard an outright lie six months ago. When this man sat here and said don't worry everything is fine. Everything

is fine. The stuff is getting repaired. It just takes longer, but it is getting repaired. He stated and what did he say to Mr. Zucal, Mr. Siegel. He said that you are going to be here by the end of the year, if not January trying to figure out what we are going to do. Here you are back trying to figure it out. What are you doing and yes, they run some union companies. It does not mean this one is going to be union. No one approached them and said hey, what do you think about King George. We don't even know they have union outfits in their organization. How do we know this one is going to be. He stated that the first time he heard about this thing was this afternoon. Nobody knew anything else. All of you should be outraged about hearing this now because back six months ago you were told everything was fine. Everything is fine, don't worry about it. Everything is getting fixed. Our big loaders are sitting at the dealers for five weeks. Five weeks for an oil change. There is something wrong, but hold Centerra responsible. You got to hold them responsible. You signed the agreement, make them live by it.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked Mr. Messinger if he had any comments.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that he laid it out on the table already.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated somebody said you were lying. He stated that he wants to find out if you have any comments.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated don't go there.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that people can say what they want.

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

Yes: 2 - Candida Affa, and Cynthia Mota

No: 5 - Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-4773](#) November 17, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [November 17, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

[15-4779](#) December 1, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [December 1, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Communications: NONE**Old Business**

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he has something under Old Business. He asked if there were any comments. He stated that Contract will be going to Michael Baker International with the Parks and Recreations department.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that this will be exempt from multiple bidders for this year's budget. He asked if there were any comments. That contract will be going to Michael Baker International, Inc. with the Parks and Recreation department.

A motion was made by Julio Guridy, seconded by Cynthia Mota, noting for the record City Council supports engaging Michael Baker International in a contract for \$3,995, for the design for La Placita, recommending the contract be approved the first quarter of next year.

REPORTS

General Report: The Public Works Committee met this evening; the next committee meetings will take place after Council's organizational meeting which will take place on January 3rd at 6 PM. There were two Bills on the Agenda that will be voted on tonight.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that the City of Allentown won a YMCA 2021 Y Champion for support of the Y's Essential Service Programs in Allentown. It is for the Warming Shelter. We have a great job for the Warming Shelter. He stated that the city has a Proclamation from Pat Browne. He stated that they are buying a couple of cases in here to put our many awards we received over the last couple of years. He stated CD and the Warming Shelter is doing a great job. They are doing about 60 people at night. We met with Dave from the YMCA and Jody the other day. He stated that the city is very honored on receiving this award.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated great. Congratulations. That is great.

[15-4787](#) Controller Reports

Attachments: [PCard Review](#)

[AP - CD](#)

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that there were two reports on the Agenda. One was the September P-Card. He is not really going to report on that except to say that it was a pretty good report. All the department pretty much towed the line in terms of following the city rules and regulations. While there were some minor issues, everybody did a great job in September.

He reported on Accounts Receivable over \$10,000 in Community and Economic Development. This will be the last Accounts Receivable Audit Report that he will give for the foreseeable future. He thinks that after this he is hoping that Finance working with the department can give them enough guidance and support that they are capable of doing this on its own. Over the last six month, the Controller's office shed some light on Accounts Receivable and pointed out at least with retiree healthcare there is probably from \$80,000 - \$90,000 for the city to recover. He certainly hopes that the administration is working on that. He stated that they will follow-up on that early in the next year to see what progress can be made. This is the last report. This had to do with CED Account Receivable over \$10,000. There were 21 accounts. He stated that 13 was for demolitions, three were for self-forgiving loans, and five were for other Building Standards and Safety issues. When they do this audit they determine the validity of the balances by account. They determine the reasonability of collection of the Accounts Receivable and finally, they identify areas for improvement. One of the issues was a liening. We discussed this with Public Works like when we do sidewalk work. If people don't pay within a certain amount of time, state law obligates them to lien that property. They have not always done that and the same is true of demolition. There are some items that may have not been liened. He explained the process.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Mr. Glazier may have to do that Report again come January.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he will do separate tutorials if he has to.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-4644](#)

Bill 100 Public Hearing, this evening
Amending the Zoning Map by rezoning parcel at 1837 W Linden St from Medium Density Residential (R-M Zone) to Highway Business District (B-3 Zone).

Attachments: [Bill 100 1837 W Linden Street](#)
[1837 West Linden Street from Medium Density Residential R-M to Highway Business District B-3 Rezoning](#)
[Letter from Malkames Law Offices regarding 1837 W. Linden Street Rezoning](#)
[Description of 1837 W. Linden Street Rezoning](#)
[Indenture for 1837 W. Linden Street](#)
[ACPC - 1837 Linden Street](#)
[Staff Report ReZone 1837 W Linden revNov3](#)
[Legal Ad](#)
[1837 W Linden Street - Posting](#)
[1837 Linden Street - Rezoning Labels](#)
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding 1837 West Linden Street](#)

This Bill was withdrawn.

15-4720

Bill 115 Public Works, this evening
Amending Article 507 (Traffic control Maps) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown. The request is from the Administration. The Administration is authorized to establish and evaluate traffic regulations for a temporary period not to exceed 90 days. This legislation makes the temporary changes permanent.

Attachments: [Bill 115 Traffic Control Maps](#)
[Memo Traffic Control Maps](#)

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

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that was in his committee. It was sent favorably, 3 - 0.

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: 15768

15-4723

Bill 117 Public Works, this evening
Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars and Thirty-four Cents (\$32,912.34). This was the result of payment in lieu of tree plantings from Barnes Land Development LLC., Haldeman Ford Lincoln, Inc., City Center Investment Corp., St. Luke's Health Network, North Star Construction Management, The Waterfront Corporation, and Allentown Parking Authority. Funds will be used for the purchase of new street trees.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 117 SHADE TREE CONTRIBUTIONS](#)

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

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: 15769

The budget bills were discussed at various meeting and amended at a special meeting on Monday.[15-4677](#)

Bill 107

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Liquid Fuels Fund Budget for 2022.

Attachments: [Bill 107 2022 LIQUID FUELS](#)

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: 15770

[15-4678](#)

Bill 108

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Trexler Fund Budget for 2022.

Attachments: [Bill 108 2022 TREXLER FUND](#)

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: 15771

[15-4679](#)

Bill 109

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget for 2022 and amending Article 1131, Municipal Waste Storage, Collection and Disposal by maintaining the Solid Waste Fee at Three Hundred and Seventy-Five (\$375) Dollars.

Attachments: [Bill 109 2022 Solid Waste Fund and Fee](#)

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: 15772

[15-4680](#)

Bill 110

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Stormwater Fund Budget for 2022 and amending Article 393.15 – Stormwater Utility Fee by maintaining the Stormwater Utility Fee at Twenty (\$20) Dollars per Five Hundred (500) square feet of impervious surface.

Attachments: [Bill 110 2022 STORMWATER FUND AND FEE](#)

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: 15773

[15-4681](#)

Bill 111

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Housing Fund Budget for 2022.

Attachments: [Bill 111 2022 HOUSING FUND](#)

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: 15774

[15-4682](#)

Bill 112

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Rental Unit Licensing Fund Budget for 2022 and amending Article 1759 – Landlord and Rental Fee by maintaining the Residential Rental Fees.

Attachments: [Bill 112 2022 RENTAL UNIT FUND](#)

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: 15775

[15-4676](#)

Bill 113

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the General Fund, Administrative Order Fund, Risk Management Fund, Debt Service Fund, Equipment Fund, Golf Fund and Hamilton Street Dam Maintenance Fund Budgets and tax rate for 2022.

Attachments: [Bill 113 2022 Budget and Tax Rate](#)

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

Mayor Ray O'Connell thanked Council and stated that you have just passed the 2022 budget unanimously. Thank you so much for your support over the years. You did the right thing. It is fair to the taxpayers and fair to the employees. Thank you, 7 - 0, it doesn't get better than that.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it was a very nice budget season and everybody presented very well. He congratulated the Mayor. You ended your term in a very nice way. He stated that the city as opposed how you took it is very financially fit.

Mayor Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Guridy.

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

Enactment No: 15776

CONSENT AGENDA

These are items that can be voted on as a group provided that no councilperson would like to remove the item from the consent agenda and after public comment has been taken.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she has been on the Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code Board of Appeals for 14 years. She has been wonderful in that. She stated that she wanted to give her a shout out for her new position as the head of the inspectors. She stated that she has helped her since she has been on five times. She calls her back within 24 hours and things are done and they are done immediately. She stated that she has nothing, but praise for her. Keep up the good work. She stated that she is the go to person for her when she has city complaints.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any other comments regarding the appointments.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Jeff Dutt with the Lehigh County Commissioners is a nonvoting member.

A motion was made by Candida Affa, seconded by Julio Guridy, that this be

approved. 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

[15-4766](#)

R209

Kelly McEllroy, Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code Board of Appeals, 08-05-2024 (Replacing Eileen Moser)

Attachments: [R209 Kelly McEllroy, Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code Board of Appeals, 08-05-2024 \(Replacing Eileen Moser\)](#)
[Kelly McEllroy, Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code Board of Appeals, 08-05-2024](#)
[Resolution #30352](#)

Enactment No: 30352

[15-4776](#)

R210

R Scotty G. Smith, Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code Board of Appeals, 08-05-2024 (Reappointment)

Attachments: [R210 R Scotty G. Smith, Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code Board of Appeals, 08-05-2024 \(Reappointment\)](#)
[Scotty G. Smith, Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code Board of Appeals, 08-05-2024](#)
[Resolution #30353](#)

Enactment No: 30353

[15-4777](#)

R211

Donna-Marie Daday, Ethics Boards, 12-15-2024 (Reappointment)

Attachments: [R211 Donna-Marie Daday, Ethics Boards, 12-15-2024 \(Reappointment\)](#)
[Donna-Marie Daday, Ethics Board, 12-15-2024](#)
[Resolution #30354](#)

Enactment No: 30354

[15-4782](#)

R213

Council of Youth, Jeffrey L. Dutt

Attachments: [Council of Youth, Jeffrey L. Dutt](#)
[Jeffrey L. Dutt, Council of Youth](#)
[Resolution #30355](#)

Enactment No: 30355

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-4699](#)

R190

Adoption of the Capital Improvement Program

Attachments: [R190 Capital Plan Resolution](#)
[Capital Improvement Plan 2022-2026](#)
[Resolution #30356](#)

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

A motion was made by Julio Guridy that this Resolution be approved. 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: 30356

[15-4775](#)

R212

Approves five transfers: (1) \$100,000 in Risk Management to cover any additional city vehicle loss payments through the remainder of 2021; (2) \$50,000 in CED to move funds to the correct account; (3) \$16,500 in Finance for Cost to Repair the Porch Roof at City Rental Property - 2302 Park Drive; (4) \$12,000 in Fire to Increase in the Cost of Turnout Gear, More Tog Repairs, Other Budgeted To Wrong Account; (5) \$6,000 in Finance for Admins Software Service Request to allow Revenue and Audit to sort files by zip code to allow the Mail Room to send out bulk mailings (over 500) at a discounted bulk rate postage price.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R212 Transfer Funds](#)
[Increase In The Cost of Turnout Gear, More Log Repairs, other budgeted to Wrong Account](#)
[Cost to Repair the Porch Roof at City Rental Property - 2302 Park Drive](#)
[Cover any Additional City Vehicle Loss Payments through the Remainder of 2021](#)
[Admins Software Service Request to Allow Revenue and Audit to Sort Files by Zip Code](#)
[Need To Move Funds To The Correct Account - CED](#)
[Resolution #30357](#)

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

Mr. Ed Zucal asked how big is this porch. He stated \$16,500.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated for the roof. It is a big roof. What property is that?

Mr. Rick Holtzman stated that it is for the property in the Lehigh Parkway. It is off of 24th Street. He stated that Audrey worked on this, but he knows first hand that the roof on the entire building on the porch is collapsing and falling off the building. It is a very very large roof and a large porch.

Ms. Audrey Danek stated that it is the 2302 Park. It is the large residential house off of 4th Street. She stated that she does not know the exact length of the roof. It wraps around to sides of the house. It is very large. CD went in and it was tagged as unfit. They did look for many contractors to repair it. It is very costly, but this was the best option.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked is that property occupied. He knows that people rent those from the city. Is the renter responsible for any of that?

Ms. Audrey Danek stated typically not for structural issues such as this. For regular maintenance of the home. Each lease varies, but that is generally what it is.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he has been there for about 40 years.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked is it the white house in the park.

Ms. Audrey Danek stated that it is on the top of the hill. It is not down by the creek.

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

A motion was made by Julio Guridy that this Resolution be approved. 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: 30357

[15-4786](#)

R214

Eileen Aguilera, Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority (NIZ), 01-01-2024 (Replacing Adrian Shanker)

Attachments: [R214 Eileen Aguilera, Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority \(NIZ\), 01-01-2024](#)
[Eileen Aguilera, Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority \(NIZ\), 01-01-2024](#)
[Resolution #30358](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that this is an appointment for Aguilera and is an appointment from Mr. Schweyer. He stated that Mr. Schweyer did call him about and made a recommendation. He stated that he did not have any objection.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that Ms. Aguilera is a business woman and lives in the city of Allentown. She is well known and she will be a great addition to the NIZ. We want more diversity there.

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

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated not so much on Eileen, but as you can see she is replacing Adrian Shanker. She thanked Adrian on his time on the ANIZDA board. He brought up a lot of community oriented issues that some times the ANIZDA board is reluctant to hear. He challenged the ANIZDA board. He voted no when he needed to. Not always when she wanted him to, but when he needed to. She stated that hopefully, Eileen can continue to do that. Challenge the ANIZDA board to stretch themselves in actually thinking about the community and not just developers.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated well said.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated well said.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if the public had an comments.

A motion was made by Julio Guridy that this Resolution be approved. 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: 30358

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

[15-4780](#) Bill 124 Parks and Recreation, this evening
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents. (\$119,793.69) from the unappropriated balance of the 2021 General Fund to the 2021 Capital Fund as required by Trexler Trust Agreement.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 124 General Fund Capital Match](#)

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

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-4783](#) Bill 125
Providing for the vacation of Howe Street from the centerline of North Eighth Street to its West Terminus in the Fourth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 125 Howe Street - Street Vacation](#)
[acpc action - West Howe Street](#)
[Howe Street Vacation petition Review LVPC 10292021](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding West Howe Street from 8th Street](#)
[West to its Terminus](#)
[Staff Report Vacation W Howe Street revNov5](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-4784](#)

Bill 126
Providing for the relinquishment of easements from the Howe Street vacation Ordinance No. 13814 from the centerline of North Lumber Street to the Eastern property line of 815 Hamilton in the Fourth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 126 Howe Street Ordinance 13814](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

[15-4781](#)

R215 Refer to Special Committee next year
Preliminary sketching out some principals, thoughts, and procedures for dealing with ARPA Funding that will be further developed and put into a workable form.

Attachments: [R215 ARPA Funds](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it has no committee. He stated that Council can deal with it as a Special Committee meeting next year.

[15-4785](#)

R216 Refer to Public Works
Authorizes the Administration to Sell a Portion of the City-Owned Real Property located at 821 West Hamilton Street.

Attachments: [R216 Da Vinci \(Portion of 821 West Hamilton Street\)](#)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that Mayor Ray O'Connell will end with a 7 - 0. That is

on top of the ball. That is a touchdown.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that they will be here on January 3rd. He stated to Mr. Guridy that 20 years of service to the city of Allentown should be commended. We didn't always agree, but he tells him that he always carried himself with dignity, integrity, honesty, and openness and that is what this city is all about. There should be more people in the city who live their lives like you have led your life. He stated that he served eight years with Mr. Guridy up there and four years here. He stated to Mr. Guridy that he is a gentleman. Again, we did not always agree, but we did it with respect and civility. Good luck and see you on January 3rd.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that this is his last official business meeting. It has been a pleasure. He is touched and honored to be able to serve this city for the past 20 years and making sure he makes the city a better place to live when he came in. He can honestly say that he is very proud that has happened. Our city is a lot better than it was 20 years ago. A lot more people and we have great departments. He gave a shout out to his wife, Mercedes. He does not want to let that waste. He wants to put it to work. Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Mr. Guridy will be around a lot. More than he has been so good luck.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he could not have done what he has done in the city without Mercedes being there. He stated that they had two children. She is just a wonderful mother. A wonderful wife, sister, daughter and stated that he loves her.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that you live the American Dream. You came from the Dominican Republic with really nothing. Not only 20 years on City Council, but you are a role model to all those little kids out there who really don't have a whole lot. How you rose to be City Council President with 20 years of service with the City of Allentown. You really need to be commended for that. They are watching.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that they really are.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he will be around. He is not going anywhere. He will continue to help. Not on City Council, but some other way. He is sure that he will continue to participate in other things. He has been blessed and gotten a lot of knowledge from the city and citizens on how to run a city. He does not want to let that go to waste. He wants to put it to work. Thank you very much and thank you all for all the support you have given me.

ADJOURNED: 7:53 PM

[15-4437](#) Council Rules
Home Rule Charter
Contract Procedures

Attachments: [HOMERULE June 2021](#)
[Council Rules March 2021 Edition](#)
[Contract Procedures](#)