



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, May 6, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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**Invocation:**

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

**Courtesy of the Floor**

Please observe the Rules of Council when given privilege of the floor. A copy of the Council Rules can be found on the council agenda on the website. If you would like to speak, we are asking that you fill out a card – they are on the back table provide them to the clerk before speaking. Include your name and address. When speakers have the privilege of the floor, personal insults, attacks, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose of conducting official business will not be tolerated.

Courtesy of the Floor is meant to provide public comments on items that are not on the agenda. Public comment during consideration of ordinances, resolutions and motions are limited by topic – your comments must be relevant to the subject matter of the proposed legislation. Public comments are taken before council votes on legislation.

You are given the privilege of the floor to provide public comment; it is not a question and answer session. State your position clearly and concisely for consideration. If you speak on behalf of yourself, you have three minutes and if you are speaking on behalf of a group that has several members present, you will be given five minutes in place of everyone coming to the podium. Please address the Council President not individual councilpersons or city staff. Refrain from insulting or defaming staff, officials, and the public; refrain from using offensive language, cursing, and making noises while other people are speaking. Please be aware that comments and/or behavior in violation of these rules will result in a forfeiture of all remaining time and you will be asked to return to your seat.

**Contract Approvals**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

April 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [April 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

## Communications

## Old Business

## REPORTS

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

R58

Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:  
334 N 9th Street

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R 58 APRIL - HARB Resolution](#)  
[334 N 9TH ST-FINAL REVIEW-MASONRY](#)

R59

1935 S. 5th Street - Sewer Planning Module

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R 59 Abdouche Properties \(1935 S 5th Street\) - Sewer Planning Module](#)  
[1935 S. 5th Street Sewer Planning Module Submission with Signed 4A and 4B](#)

R60

S Hall Street Apartments - Sewage Planning Module

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R60 Cox Management Group S. Hall Street Apartments - Sewer Planning Modu](#)  
[Cox Management Group - S Hall Street Apartments - Sewage Planning Module](#)

R61

Bears Steps Management LLC at 728 Union Boulevard - Sewage Planning Module

**Sponsors:** System

**Attachments:** [R61 Bears Steps Management LLC at 728 Union Boulevard - Sewer Planning I](#)  
[Bears Steps Management LLC 728 Union Boulevard - Sewage Planning Modu](#)

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

R62

A resolution of the City of Allentown to close out DCNR community grant project

BRC-TAG-28-280 per DCNR grant requirements.

**Attachments:**      [R62 - DCNR Parks Plan Close Out](#)

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

Bill 32

Amending § 425-15. Alcoholic beverages, controlled dangerous substances, solicitation and gambling by prohibiting smoking or vaping any substance within 25 feet of playgrounds, recreational fields and courts (including but not limited to baseball, basketball, football, handball, softball, tennis, volleyball, etc.).

**Attachments:**      [Bill 32](#)  
                              [Tobacco Free Parks \(1\)](#)  
                              [Community Health Improvement Plan \(CHIP\) - Allentown.docx](#)

Bill 33

Repealing Chapter 135, "Abandoned Real Property; Blight" in its entirety and adopting Chapter 611, "Vacant and At Risk Property"

**Sponsors:**            Administration

**Attachments:**      [Bill 33- Vacant Property Amendment](#)

Bill 34

Amending the 2026 General Fund budget to amend the Fixed Cost Distribution (FCD) for two (2) employees within DCED to change the portions of their salary and benefits expensed to the Grant Fund Recompete Program budget to reflect work performed under the grant.

**Sponsors:**            Administration

**Attachments:**      [Bill 34 - Recompete Personnel Amendment](#)

Bill 35

Amending the 2026 General Fund budget to accommodate the upgrade of the part-time Clerk III in the Office of Compliance and the upgrade of the two (2) part-time MWI-Custodial positions in Building Maintenance within the Department of Public Works. The part-time Clerk III, currently M08, would be upgraded to an Administrative Assistant at a proposed pay grade of S07 to better align the job duties and responsibilities of this position. The two (2) part-time MWI-Custodial positions will remain in the same paygrade (M06) but be upgraded to full-time positions to better align job duties and allow for consistent staffing in Building Maintenance.

**Sponsors:**            Administration

**Attachments:**      [Bill 35 - Public Works Positions Reclass](#)

Bill 36

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of One Million Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,650,000.00) to fund the reconstruction on Lehigh and Union Street as part of the Congressionally Directed Spending Grant the City was

awarded. This grant is partially reimbursable and requires match funding.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 36 - Lehigh and Union Street Grant Allocation](#)

#### Bill 37

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund and General Fund Operating Budgets to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars from the Allentown Parknership to support improvements to Ithaca Park and Recreational Programming. This is a reimbursement from the Parknership.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 37 - 2026 Parknership Allocation](#)

#### Bill 38

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-One Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$50,841.45) from accounts associated with the completed Dixon Street Pedestrian Bridge and Parks Master Plan projects to the Bogert's Bridge Rehabilitation project.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 38 Bogerts Bridge Project Funds](#)

#### Bill 39

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Nine (\$106,329.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to support construction of the Dixon Street sidewalks.

**Attachments:** [Bill 39 - Dixon Sidewalks DCED Grant Appropriation](#)

#### Bill 40

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eight Hundred Thousand (\$800,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) LSA grant to support construction of the MLK Trail Extension Phase 1.

**Attachments:** [Bill 40 - MLK Trail LSA Grant Appropriation](#)

#### Bill 41

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of One million Nine Hundred and Five thousand dollars (\$1,905,000) to fund the approved Parks Capital Projects as part of the 2026 Capital borrowing.

**Attachments:** [Bill 41 - Parks Capital Projects Allocation](#)

#### Bill 42

Amending the 2026 General Fund budget to provide for One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$136,319.00) from the General Fund unappropriated balance to the Fire Department operating budget for additional costs to support a second Fire Academy in 2026.

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

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

R63

A Resolution Requiring An Audit And Review Of The Mayor's Traveling Expenses And An Independent Review By An Auditor For Compliance With All Relevant Statutory Provisions

**Sponsors:**      Affa, Mota, Gerlach and Napoli

**Attachments:**      [R63](#)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

## **ADJOURN**

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