



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

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.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they will start off with Courtesy of the Floor and if there are Courtesy of the Floor and there are members of the public and if they don't think three minutes are not enough, Council ask that you leave

your name and email address with our City Clerk so the appropriate department or Councilperson can reach out to you to finish that conversation. He asked Mr. Hanlon if they have any Courtesy of the Floor requests.

Mr. Michael Hanlon (inaudible) mic is off.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated and also to be clear, this Courtesy of the Floor is for anything that is not on the Agenda.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that this is where someone wants to speak on school, kids, and city. He stated that he is reading it a JayCho (sp).

Mr. Santo Napoli stated welcome.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they will start with Courtesy of the Floor.

Asia stated that she thought this was a meeting for the school board, but she guesses it wasn't. It was the city (inaudible). She stated that she thinks that the city needs to do a lot more for the children and keep them more active with sports. Everybody is talking about all these recreational parks and stuff and they need more sports to stay active. She was city from the city so that way they don't get in trouble or anything. She just wants to make awareness about pedophilia stating we have a lot of pedophilia in the city. Why has nothing been done about the pedophiles in the city. She stated that she lives in a neighborhood maybe three blocks from here, maybe 2nd Street around that neighborhood there are a lot of pedophiles. She stated that she wants to know why haven't anything been done and why aren't these pedophiles registered. She stated that they have schools down there. They have two schools down that way Harrison Morton and Sheridan. There are a lot of kids that walk home. Most of the parents don't pick them up because they are working or they are too busy taking care of another kid. She stated that she wants to know if there could be a better way they can and stated some of these pedophiles are homeless. You guys heard about the camps. If they can do something better for them to provide the homeless with shelter. If the city can do something about it and try to keep the pedophiles away from the children because living there for a couple of years and she has been here since 1997 and it is the same thing over and over. She stated that it hasn't changed and the city needs to do something about it for a long time. She stated that she has five girls. They all ranging from the age of 15, 14, 13, 11, and 12. She worried every day about her kids. Being around the city and walking alone. She stated that she works two jobs so it is hard for her to pick up her child from school. She stated that her daughter has been chased by a pedophile a couple of times coming from school, Dieruff. She stated that she thinks they need to

do something better and put more enforcement on it, if that would be the case.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there will be anything else tonight.

Asia stated no, no. She just wanted to bring awareness to that.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok, we appreciate that and thanked her for her comments.

Ms. Bell stated that it has been a little while since she has been here. She is a little nervous and apologized. She stated that her issue that she wanted to report to Council is rent. As you know Allentown is being very gentrified and rent is becoming an increasing problem. Two posts that she put on Facebook is how do landlords expect a single parent or guardian to afford rent nowadays, especially in Allentown. She stated if you look at the medium income in Allentown it is \$54,000, after taxes stating that is \$40,500, minus \$25,000 on the low end in rent is \$15,500 left over. That is \$1,200 a month. She stated that includes you have to pay for health insurance. You have to pay for food. You have to pay for your car payment, car insurance, gas and any tickets that you get because you know you are going to get tickets parking on the street because there is not enough street parking. She stated with that she just doesn't understand how they are supposed to afford anything. She stated that she has been in the city for 38 years and since then, she has been doing as much as she can to get back on track and do what she is supposed to. She stated that this past July she just lost her sister and with that lost their father as well. She stated that she has seven kids now. She stated with that she is trying her best to work a city job to afford rent and to tell them the truth, she can't. She stated that she lives in this one house and her baseboards don't work, her roof is leaking, her kitchen sink is leaking, but guess what, the rent is cheap so she is going to stay there. She stated what she just read them is for \$54,000 medium income. She works at a city job and been there for 3 1/2 years making \$32,500 stating that is the normal amount that people make. She stated what she read them was \$54,000. She stated that is \$24,000 more. She stated that if they can't make it off of \$1,200 a month, how can she. When she goes to welfare, do you know what they tell her, you make too much. When she goes to AJO for help, you make too much. She needs help with her electric, you make too much. She stated do you know what she told the city one time. She called in and said listen the Parking Authority is getting crazy, she can't afford the tickets. She stated do you know what they said, move out of Allentown. She stated that she has been here 38 years. She asked why does she have to move out of a place she calls home to try to figure out somewhere else to go. She stated that is a great idea, move, but how. She stated let's say she doesn't pay rent for two

months that will be on her record, an eviction. She can move down to Pottstown or down to Philly, but with what an eviction stating they are going to laugh in her face. How is she supposed to go and better herself as a guardian of kids and gave it up to parents because she didn't know this beforehand and now it is smacking her in her face. She apologized for bringing this up, but it is like every meeting she hear of and every minutes she see online she hears about Parks and Recreation, roads, and everything. She has nothing against rent control. She stated \$2500 for a four bedroom is crazy and nobody can say something. She stated just 20 years ago, it was what \$1,000. She stated that she does apologize, and thanked Council for let her here.

Ms. Glenda Mason stated that she is here regarding the Parking Authority in Allentown. She received a ticket not too long ago after she went around the block and until the street cleaners came by and then after they went by she parked her car and went in the house and come back out and have a ticket on her car. She asked why did she receive a ticket and she goes right directly down to the Parking Authority and they tell her that she had to obey the sign. The sign said between 8 and 10, but the Parking Authority already went by. If they go by and you see them, you are going to park there like everybody else does. That is normal. She stated that she made an appeal because they are like no, you have to pay \$35. She stated that she appealed it, but she didn't hear anything from them for like two months. She stated that they sent her a notice in the paper and it was dated November the 19th and she didn't get it until December the 6th. Then she gets a paper on December, Christmas Eve stating you might as well say that she got a paper saying she was going to court. They were taking her to court so there is not enough parking in Allentown and sometimes it is. When the Parking Authority does come around and people are waiting to pull right back into their parking spot because there is nowhere to park. She stated that they want to give people tickets like the young lady just said that was up here. She stated that you are giving out tickets to people and these tickets aren't cheap. She stated that a fire hydrant is \$100. Street cleaning is \$35 and so on. She stated come on and give a person a break. What do you want them to do? She stated that she got a ticket, a paper now and going to court in February with the Parking Authority.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked Mr. Hanlon do we have her number.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated yup.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he is going to ask the customer service department from the Parking Authority to reach out to you and then you can have a conversation with Erin and hopefully she can help you out. He stated that will be helpful to at least get that conversation started.

Ms. Glenda Mason stated ok.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they will do that tomorrow. He stated that they will get that going.

Ms. Candida Affa asked Mr. Napoli if she can Suspend the Rules and make a statement. Because she is not the first person she and stated that a couple of constituents call her about that precise problem. She stated after and like she said we don't have enough parking to begin with. She stated once the Parking Authority cleans the area, most residents and stated that she has done that when she has gone to a restaurant. They will park and this is what they are getting tickets for. Now, she did talk to John Haney about it and a sign does say from 10 to 12 or whatever, but we have to do something about this problem. They go by 20 after 10. She parks her car at 10:30 because they have already gone by and they get a ticket. She stated that she thinks it is a problem because we don't have enough parking so the residents will wait and then they will park there, but the sign says 10 to 12. She is wondering if someday and she doesn't know how you can explain it or how you can say it and should be able to park there after the Parking Authority because of the signage, they could give them a ticket, Ms. Gerlach.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated he doesn't think it is the signage, sorry to interrupt, but it is the fact that what he learned is in years past, the Parking Authority vehicle was before the Street Sweeper so that when the Sweeper came, you can put your car there and a minute later you will be ok. He thinks what the difference now is, we need to learn more about and want to make sure what he is saying is accurate. Is the Sweepers coming first, the Parking Authority vehicle might be lagging behind and residents are putting their cars back, thinking hey, the street is swept, but meanwhile the Parking Authority vehicle comes three minutes later. He stated that is a problem that they need to figure out. The cadence there because that is something that did change asking Ms. Gerlach is that something she was going.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated yes. She was going to say 20 years in Center City and you all did what you do and then something, this is a decision that must have been made at the Parking Authority to change this so perhaps the Parking Authority can get together and undue this change because it is not working. It's harming people.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they will learn more and will follow up and will make that part of a.

Ms. Candida Affa stated excuse me, doesn't make any sense that they

would come after the cleaners to ticket them. It made sense when they came before, but not after.

Ms Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she would suggest not to have a conversation. If anything, it should be changed back. She stated that there is no other solution.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated, Mr. Glazier go ahead.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated two things, number 1, it's conceivable for the Parking Authority to fall behind. If there are enough cars getting tickets, you have to start an advancement which he agrees with them. It certainly seems the way it is done to write a ticket. He does not know what is their position. If you are going to pass them, they will have to catch up. He stated that is Number 1 and Number 2, Mr. Shahda is going to tell him whether he is right or wrong. The street cleaners have GIS and we know where their position is. He stated so to Ms. Mason's point it should be easier enough to determine whether that street is cleaned on that day prior to when she parks.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated how about we do this, Ms. Mota, you chair Public Works and stated why don't we make it part of the Public Works Committee and will do some fact finding and get some information and report back and at least they can start to get the conversation going, but also collect facts.

Ms. Glenda Mason stated that she actually went around the block because she saw the street cleaner coming. She went around the block and made sure he went by and then she went behind him.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated for you Ms. Mason, he will make sure that someone from the customer service department reach out to you tomorrow and at least get that going for you.

Ms. Glenda Mason thanked Mr. Napoli.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated thanks for coming tonight.

Ms. Glenda Mason stated thank you.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated not a problem. She stated that they will make sure they will address that in Public Works.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated she doesn't want to give her the hope. She is still going to end up in court. They can't undo that. She stated that she just

doesn't want Ms. Mason to think that she is not going to end up in court because once it gets to court, they can't undo that.

Ms. Santo Napoli stated that he wants to get that conversation going tomorrow. He stated that he is not 100 percent on that.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she just doesn't want her to get her hopes up.

Mr. William Grecky (sp), Pearl Avenue, stated that he is a lifelong resident of Allentown, Pennsylvania. He stated that he lives on the southside of Allentown, right by Salisbury and Emmaus on Pearl Avenue. It is right by Lehigh Street. He stated that the reason he is coming to them is to request a crosswalk possibly being developed at Oxford and Lehigh. He stated since he lived there and since his parents have lived there which is a couple years longer than him. A lot of young people have been moving into the area and lot of the old folks that have lived there are moving out. He stated that it was a lot of older people coming in to live in the neighborhood around Salisbury, but now it is a lot of young families. He stated that across the street is Alton Park and as of right now there is no safe way for kids or families to get to Alton Park because Lehigh Street is constantly nuts with people just driving through. He stated that the speed limit is 35 he believes. People go 40 to 45 - 50, constantly. He stated that it is kind of in a weird area where he feels like Allentown Police Department doesn't want to be there and Salisbury Police Department is usually somewhere else so no one is really checking that. He stated that every once in a while, they have an officer sitting at Alton. He stated that he never seen them pull anyone over. It is much like speeding that he is concerned with more like it should be more like walkable in general. He stated that it kind of feels like that the southside gets the short end of the stick in general. He stated that he is probably a little better because his avenue gets plowed last. They didn't get plowed until 4:00 PM this past Saturday when it snowed and the other surrounding neighborhoods got plowed. It kind of just got what's going on here. He stated also it is a Giant that just got put up at the South Mall and as someone who lives by the left side of Lehigh Street, he would appreciate if it was still more attention to that lot. The light used to be on Emmaus Ave which meant that people coming from South Allentown or Salisbury could go through and get to the Giant just fine, but a lot of people go to that Giant to get groceries and now there is a lot of traffic that is on the side of Lehigh Street that gets super duper backed up. He stated long story short, he thinks it should be more attention brought over there. He thinks there has been a lot of effort to make the north more walkable and that has been fantastic. He would appreciate some of that brought over to southside as well. He thanked Council for their time.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated your email address, can you make sure that it is on your card.

Mr. William Grecky stated yes. He doesn't know if he wrote it down.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he will get back to him on that on the crosswalk.

Mr. William Grecky (sp) stated that he will go and write it down right now.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mr. Grecky (sp).

Mr. William Grecky (sp) thanked Mr. Napoli.

Mr. Welsh stated that in 2001 he applied for (inaudible) and learned that insurance by income in Pennsylvania and he has been uninsured for 90 days and learned that they have (inaudible) when you pay medical bills yourself. He knows it is term limits for the state legislators such as Ohio, Michigan and South Dakota requires the person to be uninsured for 90 days to be eligible for that program. The Health insurance industry was once captive. If customers are buying health insurance in an open market and the don't want universal healthcare because it is nothing in it for them. He stated that he has this paper here and there is a map in which state legislators are more than a visual learner than and he found it out. He will pay for health insurance in 2002 by \$6,000. He stated that he has documentation here that he can show it to them. He stated all states with term limits and legislators and legislators actually stand up for their constituents. He doesn't want to be there for three terms, not becoming entrenched like they do here. Staying for 20, 30 or 40 years and using competency stats as a weapon to keep challenges away.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated thank you.

Mr. Enrique Moreno stated that he is going to try to speak in English. He stated that it is something he doesn't understand and he needs somebody to translate or bring the ex employee from the city. He speaks Spanish. They have before for some issues. He explained in Spanish whatever issues from the city so he helps sometimes for many years. He stated what are the rules and stuff like that. He stated that is ok, he doesn't know. He stated that he is going to speak in English first. He stated that if they don't understand him, he wants to understand they cover many, many sometime in here and he is not here to bother you guys. He stated that he is here because he doesn't bother you guys or the city and nobody to himself and his family all his life. He stated that he paid his taxes and paid his home and an owner for one house and he has lived there for 30 years already.

He stated that he has an issue. He stated first for personal stuff he works hard to get his daughter in college at Penn State. He stated he works hard. He stated that his home is empty. He stated that they are just working and come back to sleep and go back. He working firefighter in Bethlehem because he has (inaudible) over there to hire him and whatever voluntary and stuff like, but he is learning and trying to get a bid to try to see and also running a soccer league. He stated that he doesn't have any issues with that. He stated that some people know him and the only thing he has in this town is, why are you asking for the Constable here and who got this decision to try to see what doesn't work in the city to do the right way and they don't do the right way so it is something easy to you. It is education or talk to somebody and say listen you can do this and you can do that. That is something that someone understands. He stated whatever the reason is he has some problems with some people. He is going to say what the company name and he is going to agree with that. He stated that he tried to help from the city for himself with something not right. He stated that they don't do anything wrong or bother the city. Whatever they were, they do great for the city, that's fine. He appreciates and he votes and everything for the mayor too and whatever. He stated that he doesn't bother nobody. He stated that he has a problem with a Sweep Ticket. He stated that is the first. The second one is the Parking Authority and the third one he has for the city. The house city like they go o his house and the inspector for the home. He stated that he if you have something broke in your home and you have to fix it. He stated that he had gone to the city and he remembers he spoke to somebody and they tried to tell him that they can work with him. They have some help for window broke and stuff like that. In the summertime, kids broke the windows so he has to change it, but something issue and he remembered when he came for the last two years and he get tickets and he tried to as an X employee of the city and he knows what he has in his property. He has his car and have an accident. He parked his car and used another car, whatever. He stated that they are coming to him and he has an approved paper. They came to his private house and said that he has a junk car in his car and a video from him. He asked the inspector and he told him it is not reasonable so what happens is why they call his car and his mother's home. He stated one house and his house. He stated that the place where he works so they come and attack. It only comes with him and he has pictures to show him another place if he told him they are taking care or something like that. He stated that he agrees with that. He stated that he doesn't understand what is going on here.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated what he can do is have someone give him a call and try to get some more information. He encouraged them to maybe share some of the pictures you have or the videos and see if they can get some understanding of what they can do to help.

Mr. Enrique Moreno stated that he called before and tried to speak to Ce Ce the last time, but he was waiting for somebody to call him and they never called him. He waited for two weeks last. The last sweep ticket he has a court hearing and has a past due. They put \$300 fine. He stated what they want ok and he has to go to the court hearing stating the he even took him to the court hearing and he explained to the judge that is fine. He stated that is not a right way and told him junk or he collected stuff of value in his garage. He stated that is not junk and asked what is he going to do.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they will work on it and asked Mr. Hanlon if they had his phone number.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated no, he doesn't have.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated if you can leave your phone number. He asked Mr. Moreno to leave his phone number with Mr. Hanlon and they will have someone to give you a call and see if they can understand the situation better, but thank you.

Mr. Enrique Moreno thanked Mr. Napoli.

Mr. Danny Negron stated that he wants to mention that they brought this to the table over a year ago. He left his contact and stated he also left his contact. He stated that they have contacted him stating that he is concerned because he is the guy who works hard every day and pays his daughter's (inaudible). He stated that he does his part and what he wants is to be a little bit more to be respected and let him know his wrongdoings without attacking.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he heard all that. It is no problem so just leave your number. He stated that he knows it happened a year ago, but he is just worried about today.

Mr. Danny Negro stated a year ago. You guys were all here a year ago.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated give me your number.

Mr. Enrique Moreno stated that he appreciates it. Thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated thank you. He stated that ends our Courtesy of the Floor portion of the Agenda.

Mr. Enrique Moreno stated that is fine.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that ends Courtesy of the Floor portion of the

Agenda. He stated that they are going to get started with Contract Approvals.

Contract Approvals

[15-8174](#)

R1

Authorization for a change order in the amount of \$445,356.00 with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to assist with the ERP conversion for the Financial and HR module. The original contract was for \$791,980.00, the addition would bring the contract to a new total of \$1,237,336.00.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R1 - Contract Increase - Tyler Resolution #31192.pdf](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they have Ms. Sarrah McNeil here.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated yes, this contract was previously awarded, however, the original Resolution approved in September 2023. It is only the implementation fees and did not account for the reoccurring fees required once the system became operational. This request adds funding to cover those reoccurring fees which are ongoing annual expenses for the city. Tyler is not increasing their contract amount beyond what was originally being included in that Resolution. She stated because this Change Order exceeds 10 percent of the original contract amount and being presented here to Council.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok, thank you. He asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues. He stated go ahead Mr. Pungo.

Mr. Cristian Pungo stated that apologies if he has ask Ms. Patel is this something that is already is the Budget here for 2026 and moving forward.

Ms. Bina Patel stated yes.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Mr. Cristian Pungo stated thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there are any questions or comments from the public. He stated you may come up. He stated that this is regarding this Agenda item, R1.

stated with this Agenda item R1, she wants to ask is you said that it was not found in the original Budget whether it is for ongoing maintenance.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that what happened that the Resolution was originally incorrectly written. They only done the implementation fees and actually account for the reoccurring maintenance. It basically keeps the system running once it is up and running.

Female audience member stated that her question is when this was proposed. How many implementations were done before this came up. How does this just automatically come up. She stated out of nowhere if they knew beforehand and if they were working with a new system. If you are implementing a new system, but you have to think outside the box. She stated now they are adding more money on to it because of regular maintenance fees. She stated that her thing is when this was proposed and this was looked at, if it was looked at carefully those fees should have been already noticed beforehand so why weren't they.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that they were in the original agreement. It was overlooked at the time the Resolution was brought to Council so they have to correct the clerical error that was done when they brought this.

Female audience member stated correct. It was a clerical error and it was overlooked and it should not have been overlooked. They are asking to add more money on it even though it is in the 2026 budget, they are asking more money to be taken away from something else to be put towards this when and stated go ahead. She stated that is her understanding and they are asking for more money to be put from the budget that were included that was included last year, correct.

Ms. Bina Patel stated no, she thinks what Ms. McNeil is stating is that the budget was already there when they presented the contract costs initially in 2023. It stated only the implementation costs. She stated once implementation is completed, then you have the recurring maintenance cost. She stated that was already in the budget, but neglected to add that to the Resolution. She stated that it is not an additional cost, it is being budgeted, but it was just not part of the Resolution so they are being transparent and stating that this was not part of the initial Resolution. She stated that it has always been in the budget. The budget is not being increased, they are just correcting the initial Resolution that was brought to Council.

Female audience members stated ok, thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 31192

[15-8173](#)

R2

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000 to provide the City with various goods/services, for Lobar Associates, Inc, American Rock Salt Company, Kimball Midwest, Auto Zone Stores LLC, NAPA, General Code, and Dell Marketing LP.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R2 Cooperative Approval - 1.21.26](#)
[Resolution #31193.pdf](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public regarding R2.

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 31193

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-8153](#)

December 3, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes (Information Sharing and Discussion Only)

Attachments: [December 3, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes \(Information Sharing and Discussion Only\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

[15-8156](#)

December 17, 2025 City Council Budget Amendments Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [December 17, 2025 City Council Budget Amendments Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

[15-8155](#)

December 17, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [December 17, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Communications

Old Business

REPORTS**Budget and Finance: Chair Pungo, Mota, Gerlach**

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for January 28 at 6:15 PM to review the budget process, finance reports and committee priorities.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Gerlach, Binder, Napoli

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; tentatively there might be a meeting on February 4 to look at the Recompete Program and priorities.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Binder, Santos, Affa

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 28th at 5:30 PM to review committee priorities.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Santos, Pungo, Binder

The Committee met this evening; a committee meeting will be scheduled prior to the next council meeting to review legislation being introduced this evening.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Mota, Santos

The Committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Public Works: Chair Mota, Pungo, Affa

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for February 4th to review committee and administrative priorities.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations, and Strategy: Chair Napoli, Mota, Gerlach

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

Controller's Report

The Controller submitted a number of reports listed on the Agenda.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier thanked Mr. Napoli. He stated that they took some time off during budget season and now it is a new year and they will be back to reporting on a regular basis. He stated basically there are three audits and reviews that they do every month. He stated that one is the payables when they look at the checks that the city has written for Accounts Payable. Second, is a P-Card review where they look at the use of the Purchasing Card and third is the Bank Reconciliation Report. He stated that these are the three that are done every month. He stated that they will do other audits beyond this. He stated that their timing is just whatever the review is done and the Report is ready to be released. He stated that they have an upcoming program for the departments and the folks within the departments interact

with the Controller's office to explain what they look at when they review these items and to help inform them and hopefully to reduce the error rate even further than it already has been reduced to. He stated that Council is certainly invited to this event. He stated that he doesn't remember the date on top of his head. He stated that Mr. Hanlon has expressed interest as well. It is something that might be of interest to Council for so they may have some discussions with Mr. Hanlon and Mr. Napoli as to how that can be presented to Council at some point in the future. He stated to the business at hand, however, this is a P-Card Review for the month of August 2025. He stated that this was just released on December 31st. He stated that he must say that the Controller's department is making a lot of good effort to Master Munis. For instance, when they review checks under Eden, they could probably bang out a Friday check run in 70 or 80 minutes. He stated under Munis, they started in about two and a half hours and it got down to about 90 minutes. The checks certainly will come down to a learning curve. P-Cards are a different issue. The software is really not very friendly to this review. He stated that it takes them a long, long time to do. Hence, he just finished reviewing August at the end of December. However, it is his expectation with a lot of hard work from Jacqui and himself, they will get December's done. He stated December 2025 P-Card Review done by the cut-off in the middle of February. He stated having said such, they reviewed 708 documents, the total amounts spent on the P-Card transactions for this period was a little bit over \$222,000. One of the things they look at is that when an employee makes a charge, the Clerk expenses it to the proper expense account. He stated that in this regard they found 11 instances where an item was expenses to an incorrect expense account. The Bureaus were advised of the issues and they will make corresponding journal entries. Once department decided that they were not going to make the change because they had transferred all their money out of that account to cover their overtime shortage. However, they know since the expense has been occurred and journalized, the account correction requires for that department wouldn't have any financial impact. He stated that this is a fallout for them being so far behind the eight ball because the software is just not efficient for us. The city also limits the amount of convenience fees. That they can pay or will pay when using a credit card. The limit had been zeroed. You were not allowed to incur anything in the city. So in the month in question, there were two convenience fees that were incurred and the departments were advised. He stated that they seldom get them refunded, but it is still just a matter of advising the department. Finance has recently changed their policy and will allow convenience fees up to \$3. He stated that this issue should go away and the departments have been advised that they need to make a larger purchase that would incur a greater convenience fee. They should do that purchase conventionally by submitting a Requisition or Purchase Order and do it that way. They also look at whether sales tax is paid out of an invoice. By and large the city is exempt from the state of Pennsylvania Sales Tax. Here they had three invoices that incurred sales taxes from a \$1.20 dollar up to \$31.07. He stated once again, the departments were advised and what they really like to see is tax refunded to us. He

stated that doesn't always happen and sometimes getting the refund stretches over multiple periods, but they will follow up on these. He stated that they will get untimeles payments of invoices. The city and its Rules does not specify how quickly invoices have to be paid. They generally go by the Rules. In this case, they picked a 60 day window which they feel is lenient. He stated here there were 20 charges that was outside of that window. The departments were advised and the E Card Invoices were being paid late and they responded with acceptable justifications for what will cause that. The last thing they looked at this month was appropriate documentation in Munis. He stated that they are looking for a receipt and they are looking for an invoice stating both things. He stated that here they had seven instances without the proper documentation. The departments were advised and they all scanned in the proper documentation. He stated that the next thing he is going to Report on is bank reconciliation review. This is for the month of October. This Report was also released on December 31. The number of the city's bank reconciliations that were prepared with 35. The dollar amount of those reconciliations reviewed for the period was \$116 million. The number of non city controlled bank reconciliations was three. The amount of non city controlled bank reconciliations were reviewed for the period was \$1.2 million. He stated that they do note that the city transferred from Tyler to Munis in March that have caused some problems with bank reconciliations. It might have been something that was overlooked. Some of the information not being transferred in the transfer. He stated that they have one issue here, and that is unexplained differences on the accounts payable on the AARP. The AARP is a bank listing of outstanding checks. He stated that they have their own listing. It is the bank's listing and ideally in a perfect world they are the same, sometimes there are timing issues. Here are the difference. It was a little bit less than \$1,700. The administration was advised that they should reach out to the bank for proper explanation and the difference is and the responses if they will do that. If the difference is still outstanding in the next month's reconciliation, it will be noted. He stated Mr. president, that is his report for this evening.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mr. Glazier and stated that they do not have a Report from the mayor so they will continue to move along to our consent agenda.

Mayor

No Report

The mayor has not submitted anything.

[15-8186](#) Committee Assignments

Attachments: [Committee Assignments - 2026.pdf](#)

[15-8189](#) Controllers Reports

Attachments: [BankRecNov.pdf](#)
[BankRecOct.pdf](#)
[BankRecSept.pdf](#)
[CheckNov.pdf](#)
[InventoryGolf.pdf](#)
[PCard.pdf](#)
[PCardAug.pdf](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On): There are none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that you have two items on the Consent Agenda. One item is Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic District at 126 - 128 N 15th Street and at 521 N 6th Street. The other one is for a Sewage Planning Module at 128 Hamilton Street.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mr. Hanlon. He asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues regarding R3 and R4. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

15-8185

R3

Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:
126-128 N 15th Street and 521 N 6th Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R3 JAN-HARB Resolution DRAFT.docx](#)
[126-128 N 15TH ST -FINAL REVIEW-ROOFING.pdf](#)
[521 N 6TH ST-FINAL REVIEW.pdf](#)
[Resolution #31194.pdf](#)

Enactment No: 31194

15-8187

R4

Sewage Planning Module at 128 Hamilton Street Apartments

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R 128 Hamilton Street Apartments - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[Sewage Planning Module - 128 Hamilton Street Apartments](#)
[Resolution #31195.pdf](#)

Enactment No: 31195

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-8176](#)

R5

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of the Civic Theatre of Allentown to support structural and safety-related renovations.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R5 - Civic Theatre LSA](#)
[Resolution #31196.pdf](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 31196

[15-8178](#)

R6

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of Planned Parenthood Keystone to support repairs needed at their facility at 29 North 9th Street.

Attachments: [R6 - Planned Parenthood Keystone LSA](#)
[Resolution #31197.pdf](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked could we go back to R6.

Mr. Michael Hanlon read R6.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 31197

[15-8177](#)

R7

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Health Network to support the purchase and installation of specialized equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R7 - LVHN LSA](#)
[Resolution #31198.pdf](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public regarding R7.

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 31198

[15-8179](#)

R8

A resolution of the Governing Board of Allentown City, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, authorizing, empowering and directing the proper officers of the Governing Board to appoint a liaison between it and Berkheimer, the duly appointed collector of local taxes for the district, for the express purpose of sharing confidential tax information with the district for official purposes.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R8 - Berkheimer Confidentiality](#)
[Resolution #31199.pdf](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any comments or questions from the dais. He asked if there are any questions or comments from the public.

Female audience members asked about the Local Share Account.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked female audience member if she can come up, please.

Ms. Betty Cauler stated that she is just curious of what the Local Share Account Grant is. Why Lehigh Valley Health Network needs help from the city.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there was someone from the administration that could help answer that.

Mr. Michael Hanlon asked Terri are you there.

Ms. Terri Dakuginow stated that she is the Grants Manager and can answer the question about the local share account. She stated that the Local Share Account is a grant provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and the city simply acts as a pass through for that money. She stated that she is sorry and asked if Ms. Cauler's question was specific to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Ms. Betty Cauler stated R7, Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Ms. Terri Dakuginow stated yes. They are looking to purchase specialized equipment and assistance with installation of that specialized equipment.

Ms. Betty Cauler stated that somebody left their cell phone up here.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated just leave it there for now. He stated that they are still on R8.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it authorizes the signing of Confidentiality.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that it looks like it was already a comment from the public. He stated we can call the vote.

Female audience member stated that the governing board that is going to Berkheimer is going to help out with as far as the city mainstreaming the taxes being sent out. She stated that the only reason she asked that is because she has her sister's kids and some of them are over 18 stating one of them are 22. She stated that her sister's daughter just received her taxes for all the back years. Now, she owes \$105 each time for years that she didn't even know she was supposed to pay the taxes. Even though, it was the city taxes you had to pay \$16 a year and now they have administration fees. She asked is this governing board going to be advising on that or is that totally different.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he will defer to Ms. Patel from our Finance department.

Ms. Bina Patel thanked Mr. Santo and stated that Berkheimer does the collection for Lehigh County for earned income tax. She stated what you are talking about is per capita tax, possibly. She stated that earned income tax is 1.975 percent for the city of Allentown. She stated with Act 32, it went countywide and to collect for the entire county. She stated for our employees to have access to that information, they need to bring this to our council and get there approval. Because they have confidential information on liens and social security numbers and things like that. She

stated that they are just asking for their approval that clients and employees can access that information.

Female audience member stated ok. She stated it is not like a governing board on them to help as far as the issues the city is (inaudible).

Ms. Bina Patel stated no. This is a county selected collector and that collector is Berkheimer. And, Berkheimer as their earned income tax information and for them to receive that, they need to bring this to Council.

Female audience member stated ok, thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 31199

[15-8166](#)

R9
Transfer Approval

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R9 Transfers.doc](#)
[Cheiron Transfer.pdf](#)
[Multiple Transfers.pdf](#)
[Resolution #31200.pdf](#)

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that R9 are a few Transfers and that one he has there is from Treasury and that is a mistake and could be taken off. He stated that there are transfers for EMS, Fire, Police, Accounting and Finance Management, Recycling and Solid Waste, Liquid Fuels and Stormwater.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok. He asked if there were any comments or questions from his colleagues. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 31200

[15-8183](#)

R10

Sets up procedures to review the city's budget process to establish clear and transparent procedures for developing and adopting the city budget

Sponsors: Affa, Binder, Napoli and Pungo

Attachments: [R10.docx](#)

[Resolution #31201.pdf](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues regarding R10. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 31201

Request to suspend the rules for placing an item on the agenda to vote on. (The intent is to correct a previous passed module.)

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that there is a Motion to Suspend the Rules and place a Resolution 11 on the Agenda. It is a Sewage Planning Module that you had already approved. It was a minor mistake on it. It is a house cleaning measure.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments regarding R11 from the dais. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Cristian Pungo, seconded by Cynthia Mota, to Suspend the Rules and place a Resolution 11 on the Agenda.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

[15-8190](#)

R11

Sewage Planning Module at 424 – 434 N. 11th Street

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [R11 Ideal Management Group at 424 - 434 N. 11th Street - Sewer Planning Module.doc](#)

[Sewage Planning Module - 424-434 N 11th St.pdf](#)

[Resolution #31202.pdf](#)

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 31202

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

[15-8182](#) Bill 3 Human Resources, Administration and Appointments
Amending the 2026 Grant Fund budget to accept Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in grant funding from Bloomberg Philanthropies through Johns Hopkins University for the Love Your Block Grant.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 3- Love Your Block Grant Appropriation](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 16186

[15-8181](#) Bill 4 Parks and Recreation Committee, Chair Santos
Amending the 2026 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$3,124.20) from H&P Construction, Inc. for the city providing electrical hookup for the Bogert's Bridge project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 4- HPCI Invoice Appropriation](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-8180](#) Bill 5 Parks and Recreation, Chair Santos
Amending the 2026 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars from DLNHC (Delaware Lehigh National Heritage Corridor) as part of their Lehigh Valley Greenways Implementation Block Grant for the Trail Water Fountain Upgrade at Jordan Meadows Park.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 5- LV Greenways Grant Appropriation](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments regarding Bill 3 from the public.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 16188

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

There are none.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 7:26 PM

Request to suspend the rules for placing an item on the agenda to vote on. (The intent is to correct a previous passed module.)

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A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo