



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, May 20, 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

R65

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for HT Lyons, Miller Flooring Company, and Shafnisky Electric Inc.

Attachments:      [R65 Cooperative Approval - 05.20.2026](#)

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

May 6, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments:      [May 6, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

### **Communications**

### **Old Business**

**REPORTS**

**President Napoli:** Council is continuing meeting with our partners: Housing Authority Meeting – 5/27 6:30 PM; School District Workshop – 6/25, 6 PM  
**Public Hearing:** A Public Hearing has been scheduled for June 3 at 6 PM on Bill 20, which adds regulations on data center use. Council will consider for possible adoption the legislation at the Council meeting that follows.

**Budget and Finance:** Chair Pungo, Mota, Gerlach  
The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for June 3 at 5:30 PM.

**Community and Economic Development:** Chair Gerlach, Binder, Napoli  
The Committee met on May 14th and forwarded some items on this evening's agenda; there are no future meetings scheduled – the bill relating to vacant property registration is being further reviewed by the committee.

**Human Resources, Administration and Appointments:** Chair Binder, Santos, Affa  
The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for May 27 at 5:30 to review legislation being introduced this evening, the mayor's travel expenses, options relating to creating rules for city travel and an update on the development of the personnel manual.

**Parks and Recreation:** Chair Santos, Pungo, Binder  
The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

**Public Safety:** Chair Affa, Mota, Santos

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for June 3 at 5:45 PM.

**Public Works:** Chair Mota, Pungo, Affa  
The Committee met this evening, the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

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

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

**Controller's Report:** The Controller has submitted one report (attached) since the last council meeting.

**Mayor:** No submission.

## Controller Report

**Attachments:**     [Accts Payable](#)

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

## 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 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.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**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](#)

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

R66

Approves the submission of the Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R66 - HUD Action Plan Submission](#)  
[2026 Template](#)

R67

Bryne Heffner-Bair, Arts Commission, 5/21/2031

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R67 Bryne Heffner-Bair - Arts Commission](#)  
[Memo from Mayor Tuerk regarding appointment to the Arts Commission - Bryne Arts Commission List](#)

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

Bill 43

Amending the 2026 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars from Bloomberg Philanthropies to administer a third round of the Youth Climate Action Fund.

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

Bill 44

Amending Part I Administrative Legislation, Chapter 12 Authorities, Boards and Commissions, Article XV Council of Youth by updating its purpose and practices.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 44 Council of Youth Amendment](#)

Bill 45

Amends Chapter 19, Civil Service Board, of the Codified Ordinances, titled "Rules of the City of Allentown Civil Service Board Governing the Appointment and Promotion of Police Officers and Firefighters" by removing "Failed to register with the Selective Service System" as a disqualifier for the Civil Service Test.

The proposed Bill approves the City of Allentown Police and Fire Civil Service Board's repeal of its Rules that automatically disqualify an applicant for police officer or firefighter from examination for or selection from an eligibility list if the applicant has failed to register with the Selective Service System. The Bill modernizes the Board's Rules and harmonizes the Rules with both Pennsylvania law and recently enacted Federal law

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 45](#)  
[Letter from CSB to CC 5.4.26](#)  
[Draft Approval of Repeal of SSS Auto DQ - 2](#)

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

**ADJOURN**

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