



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, August 21, 2024

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Invocation:

#### Pledge to the Flag

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

#### Courtesy of the Floor

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he has Mr. Samuel who would like to speak on the federal budget.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated Mr. Samuel. She stated that she guesses Mr. Samuel.

Mr. Michael Hanlon asked did Mr. Samuel leave.

Mr. Joe Tomanik, 112 S. 8th Street, stated it is a business. He bought that property 38 years ago. He stated that three and a half years ago, they basically shut him down when they took all his parking away from his business to do the new district. You took both sides of 8th Street parking away and shut his business down. His walk in business. He stated that he is a Locksmith. His walk in business is not going to park a block away and walk up to him to get a key made. It is not going to happen. They basically shut his walk in business down. He currently has two problems and a question and he would like to find out if he could get an answer for. There is a private alley on the side of his building. The wall of his footer is against. In 38 years he has owned that building, he never once had to go there and cut grass or remove weeds. It is asphalt and concrete. The concrete is in the front where no grass to grow and there is concrete in the back. In 38 years, he never got a sweep ticket or anything, however, on the 15th of August, he got a picture and a violation from Sweep for weeds and grass over 10 inches. He stated that he contacted them and said he doesn't own any grass. It is hard to push a mower on asphalt and concrete stating that he just doesn't own it. He never had this issue. The girl said that she would check on it and call him back. However, that did not happen. Three days later, he decided he knows how this works and he

better take care of it. He stated as they can see his disability. He wants to take care of it once, not two or three times. If he goes over there with a weed whacker, what's going to happen. He is going to cut it off and it is going to grow back. On the 18th he went there and he has the ability to purchase commercial grade weed killer. It is a mixture of three chemicals. It's got a sticking agent and you need to have foliage for it so that it can stick to so that it will absorb into the plant and goes down to the roots and kills them. On the 18th, he sprayed everything. He has pictures. On the 22nd, the Sweep people sent somebody out, a contractor cut it all and took it all out and sent him a bill of \$419 which he believes is insane. That is \$10 a foot and he already sprayed it. The weeds have to be addressed within 72 hours. If he has and the city comes in and inspects his apartments, he has 60 days to fix stuff. Not that he needs 60 days to fix grass. You got to give this stuff a chance to work. That is only common sense. He stated that they gave him the ticket anyway. When he asked them about it, they said that he is responsible for half of this alley. He looked on his deed and he has a copy of it. He can show it to them. On his deed, it says it is bordered by S. 8th Street and W. Hickory Street which is a private alley. The second problem that he has whoever owns or thinks they own alley has deteriorated to the point where he gets constantly cars smashing to the corner of his building because it is not taking care of. Whoever thought they owned the alley decided to take the countertop that they have here, the granite countertop. The shiny stuff and break it up into pieces like this and put it in the potholes all the way up the alley. He asked do you know how slippery and dangerous that is if you step on it while it is wet when it is icy or snow. He knows one guy with one leg would really get hurt. He went to Engineering. He went to the county. He went to Sweep. He went to Streets and everybody is going like this (pointing fingers) and saying that he is responsible for this alley. He asked if he could approach Council and show them something. The circled piece is his lot and as they can see it runs perpendicular instead of parallel to the other lots that are there. The other lots that are there, when people come in and come down the alley and pull the cars behind their pieces of property. He can't do that. He has no place to park. The only connection he has to this private alley is the wall of his building, but they want him to be responsible for it, but he doesn't own it.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if someone in the administration can help him out so he doesn't have to go to any other place.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that actually Mr. Shahda has already spoken with him and obtained his information and offered to follow up personally to help him.

Mr. Joe Tomanik stated that he has pictures here. This is the part he

sprayed that the contractor didn't remove. He stated that as they can see, it is dead. That's because it was there two weeks before he did that. The other question he has is that they fined him \$100 which was the original fine. While he was at the Sweep Department, a gentleman came up with the same problem. He was charged for weeds on a piece of property he doesn't own. That was on 6th and Gordon Streets. They charged him \$75. Why the difference? When he gets a speeding ticket doing 55, fine. If you get the same fine, you are going to get the same fine. Why the difference?

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that you got a lot of questions and it is sad to say that she doesn't have the answers right now, but she assures him that the administration will try to help you. If they don't help you, she suggested that he comes back again and speak to Council.

Mr. Joe Tomanik stated that this is a picture of the alley with the fix in it. He stated that somebody is going to break their necks. He stated that and now there is another question he has for them. This is another question, if he is responsible for a piece of property that he doesn't own, how does he get insurance. Does he call his State Farm Rep and say, hey, I need liability insurance on this private alley that somebody else owns. They are going to laugh at him. Why does he have to get insurance for something that somebody owns. If somebody does fall and get hurt, what he has been told is that it gets divided amongst everybody. So, if somebody gets hurt, are you going to divide the bill amongst everybody up that alley. He stated that doesn't make any sense to him. None whatsoever.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she just thinks again that you have a lot of questions and they as Council doesn't have. She suggested that it is important that he speaks to the administration and hopefully they would be able to help him out. If they don't, she suggested for him to come back and they will think about something else. She stated that they need to look into this.

Mr. Joe Tomanik stated that this is another example and asked if they see all those weeds. Those weeds are over eight feet tall. He asked do you know where that is stating that is the back of Mack Southside Fire Department. This is the end of 8th Street. He asked see the street, the bridge. How many times did somebody drive past that 10 foot weeds. He stated here is Public Works asked how can you enforce rules on citizens, when you don't even take care of your own properties. He stated good question.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that you got a lot of questions.

Mr. Joe Tomanik stated that he is sorry, but it is what it is. He stated all he

needs are some answers.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated like she mentioned before, they have to continue with the meeting. She stated that he wanted to make a point, he made a big point. She stated he does have Council's attention. She suggestion that he speak to the administration and if they don't resolve the situation, please come back and they will try to help him out.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that if you have any questions, please direct them to our office.

Mr. Joe Tomanik stated that he came in here yesterday and was out front here. The mayor is on vacation and somewhere at some kind of meeting. The assistant is out somewhere.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that you can always contact Mr. Hanlon or the secretary.

Mr. Joe Tomanik stated that he will try.

Ms. Candida Affa stated to Mr. Tomanik to give his name and his phone number, contact Mr. Hanlon and Council will contact him. She stated you know what, if she has a problem she is coming to him stating he is one hell of a detective.

Mr. Joe Tomanik stated here is the other problem, the next time you are driving down the road, he was never conscious until he got this fine. Look how many weeds are in the sidewalks and against the curbs. He can go down Jackson Street and fine everybody on Jackson Street and everybody on Walnut Street. That's how bad it is.

Dr. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Tomanik and stated to have a nice day. A nice evening.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that if you have any questions, please direct them to our office or Mr. Hanlon.

Mr. Joe Tomanik stated that he came to the city yesterday and was out front here, but the mayor is on vacation somewhere at some kind of meeting. His assistant is out somewhere.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that you can always contact us or Mr. Hanlon or a secretary.

Mr. Joe Tomanik stated that he tried.

Ms. Candida Affa stated give your name and your phone number and contact him and one of them will contact him. She stated that if she has a problem, she is coming to him stating he is one hell of a detective.

Mr. Joe Tomanik stated here is the other problem, the next time you are driving down the road, he was never conscious until he got this fine. Look how many weeds are in the sidewalks and against the curbs. He can go down Jackson Street and site everybody on Jackson Street. You can site everybody on Walnut Street. 13:56

## Contract Approvals

### [15-7151](#)

R134

Authorization for Contract with Phillips & Donovan Architects, LLC in the amount of \$24,480.00 to provide preliminary detailed consulting and engineering services for the preliminary design and cost estimates for the City of Allentown regarding the construction of a new Parks Operation facility located in the upper lot of our current Parks Maintenance facility located at 2050 Park Drive, Allentown, PA 18103. There were two (2) proposals submitted, contract shall be for one (1) year with one (1) year renewal beyond the contract expiration period.

**Attachments:** [R134 - Phillips](#)  
[Resolution #30901](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as RFP2024 - 24 and advertised on June 13, 2024. On July 16, 2024, the public opening was held and the city received two proposals. The Evaluation Committee held both technical and cost evaluations. The proposals were evaluated on the ability to meet the RFP requirements and after all evaluations were conducted, the committee decided to not hold oral interviews. The committee made the recommendation to award based on the firms qualifications and overall score. The committee is recommending an award to Phillips & Donovan Architects, LLC.

Dr. Cynthia Mota thanked Ms. McNeil and asked if there were any comments from the dais or any comments from the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 30901

### [15-7152](#)

R135

Authorization for Contract with USI Insurance Services, LLC in the amount of \$30,000.00 per year totaling \$150,000.00 for the initial five (5) year term to aid the City of Allentown in the management of the Total Cost of Risk

(i.e. TCOR), to include but not limited to effective Auto Liability and Workers' Compensation Program (i.e. Program). There were three (3) proposals, contract shall be for five (5) years with one (1) year renewal beyond the contract expiration period.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R135 - USI](#)  
[Resolution #30902](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as RFP 2024 - 31. It was advertised on June 14, 2024. On July 15, 2024 an RFP was held and the city received three proposals. The evaluation committee held both technical and cost evaluations. The proposals were evaluated on the ability to meet the RFP requirements and after all evaluations were conducted, the committee decided not to hold oral interviews. The committee made the recommendation to award based on the firms qualifications and overall score. The committee is recommending an award to USI Insurance Services LLC.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or any comments from the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 30902

[15-7150](#)

R136

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for Ultimate Train Munitions, Inc., EPlus Technology, Inc., and Advanced Electronic Design.

**Attachments:** [R136 - 8.21](#)  
[Resolution #30903](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that these purchases are all through various Cooperative Contracts.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he is just curious what are they for. He sees the names of the companies, but what are they for.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that one is for Simms Ammo - Sling. Another one is a Netapp Storage Drive and the other one is for MDTS for Police Vehicles.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated ok. Thank you.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 30903

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-7176](#) July 24, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Sponsors:** System

**Attachments:** [July 24, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

**Yes:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

### Communications

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that visitors to City Council meetings are encouraged to park in the government deck next to city hall. If you park in that deck, please see Mr. Hanlon for a chaser to pay for your parking, thank you.

**Old Business: NONE**

**REPORTS****Co-Responder Meeting - Chairperson Gerlach, Napoli, Zucal**

There will be a co-responder meeting on September 4 at 5 PM, in Council Chambers.

**Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Hendricks, Gerlach**

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; a meeting is scheduled for August 28th, at 6:00 PM, to review the monthly finances and an update on the Munis project.

**Community and Economic Development: Chair Hendricks, Mota, Napoli**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 28th, following the Budget and Finance Committee meeting, at 6:30 PM to review the two HARB denials being referred to the committee and have a presentation and discussion on the housing study and the Re compete grant.

**Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Affa, Napoli, Santos**

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting. There are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

**Parks and Recreation: Chair Santos, Affa, Gerlach**

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for September 4th at 6 PM.

**Public Safety: Chair Zucal, Hendricks, Mota**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; The next meeting is scheduled for September 4th at 6:25 PM.

**Public Works: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Zucal**

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

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

The committee has not met since the last council meeting. There are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

**Controller's Report (3 minutes)**

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated thank you madam president this evening he is going to report on as Council requested on Bill 64. He stated that he has a handout for them. He stated that if they recall when the administration first brought this bill before you, he was informed.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated, but listen.



Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that it is not on the agenda.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that it is out of order, though.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated no, it isn't. This is his report.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she believes that it is out of order. She believes it is out of order. The reality is that they have not spoken about this yet.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that she is right and stated Ms. Mota Council asked him to report on this bill and he agreed. He is going to report on this bill and stated Ms. Mota.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated no. He stated that the bill was tabled.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he spent 10 hours and thousands of dollars worth of taxpayers money and your going to tell me.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that it was tabled.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that is alright. You still need to hear the report.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated no we don't.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that Council asked him for the report. He stated that all he is doing is reporting to them.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that this is out of order. She stated that this is not at the agenda and she does understand, but at the same time, he cannot speak on this yet.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated to Dr. Mota is she now telling him that she can tell the Controller what his report is. He asked is that what she is telling him.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she believes that this is out of order. The saddest part is at this point, they don't have a lawyer that can help them out in this situation now.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that they have the city solicitor. The city solicitor is more than confident to render a decision as to whether council can tell the controller what he can and cannot report.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that this is out of order.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated get him out of here.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that this is out of order.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated respectfully, he disagrees with her. He understands that she doesn't want to hear it. It doesn't mean that it is out of order.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that this is out of order. She asked if he had anything else that he would like to report.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated no, he just thought that the public should get their thousand dollars worth of time that he spent.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that what she is saying is that he should not report it right now, but she is trying to tell him that at this moment it will be out of order.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated quite honestly he can't see how the controller's report can be out of order. When the controller's report is on the agenda.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that you are referring to a tabled item. It is not untabled.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that doesn't matter.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated once it gets untabled, then you can speak on this.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier asked if she is guaranteeing that it will be untabled.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she can't guarantee anything because she is just one vote.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that the public has the right to hear how the city spent their money.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she agrees with him and suggested that he put the report on the website.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that this is a public forum. On the agenda, the controller gives a report. He has never seen any president in this council tell a controller or the mayor for that instance what he can and cannot report on. He stated that he understands that she does not want to hear it.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that it is not that she doesn't want to hear it. This bill was tabled. She stated that this was tabled.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if they can ask the solicitor for an opinion, here. Instead of arguing back and forth, do we have an opinion.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated President Mota runs the meeting. That's it.

Attorney Sarah Rotz stated that if President Mota wants her to answer.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated go ahead and answer.

Attorney Sarah Rotz stated that the president under your Rules as the presiding officer decides questions of procedure. That is Rule 7 and Rule 14, receiving reports which she believes is the question here. The presiding officer at the meeting of council will direct that a report or communication be received and that this action be noted in the minutes by the clerk. By the direction of the president or vote by council, a report or communication may be referred to committee or other appropriate body. According to Rule 14, the presiding officer directs what reports or communications be received.

Dr. Cynthia Mota thanked Attorney Rotz and stated with all due respect, she really would like to hear from him, but not at this moment.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated thank you ma'am.

Dr. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Glazier.

#### Mayor's Report (3 minutes)

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that the mayor is not here. She does not have a formal mayor's report, but she would like to report to council that scoring was conducted on the Community Reinvestment Applications that the city received. She has reached back to the three scorers for input as to a possible amendment to one of our applications and she is waiting for their response back to the email. Once she has that, she will prepare the ordinance for council review to put forth those who scored the highest in their applications and their amounts that were awarded.

Dr. Cynthia Mota thanked Ms. Kistler.

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

[15-7095](#)

Bill 68

Amending the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars from USTA Middle States Section for the Tennis in the Parks grant received by the Parks and

Recreation Department.

**Attachments:** [Bill 68 Tennis in the Parks Appropriation](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 16040

[15-7096](#)

Bill 69

Amending the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$752.18) from Eastern Propane for the credit left on the City's account for prior use of propane.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 69 - Eastern Propane Credit Allocation](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 16041

[15-7097](#)

Bill 70

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an appropriation in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Trexler Fund to the Canal Park capital project account. These funds will be used to complete the feasibility study of Canal Park and are to match the Fish & Boat grant that was previously received.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 70 Canal Park Allocation](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 16042

[15-7098](#)

Bill 71

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an appropriation in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) from the Trexler Fund to the Bogert's Bridge capital project account. These funds will be used for the construction rehabilitation of the bridge and is part of

the 2024-25 Trexler Capital Project allocation.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 71 Bogert's Bridge Allocation](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 16043

[15-7099](#)

Bill 72

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Two Million Two Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$2,248,000) from the Water Filtration Plant Filters capital account to the Water Distribution Main Replacement capital account. This will transfer the unused funds from the Water Filtration Plant Filters Upgrade capital project to the Water Distribution Main Replacement capital account.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 72 ARPA Allocation-Compliance](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 16044

### **Motion to untable Bill 64**

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she would love to hear the report from the city's controller.

Mr. Santo Napoli seconded and stated that he would love to hear it too.

**A motion was made by Candida Affa, seconded by Santo Napoli, to untable Bill 64.**

**Yes:** 2 - Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

**No:** 5 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, and Ce-Ce Gerlach

[15-7057](#)

Bill 64

Amending the 2024 General Fund, Rental Fund, and Risk Fund budgets to accommodate the upgrading and retitling of positions to allow various departments to operate at a level more in line with the job responsibilities currently assigned, to support City functions. This will ensure that departments are operating more efficiently, inequalities are reduced,

positions are correctly classified, and employees are appropriately compensated for the work they are performing based on a correctly classified position which enhances job satisfaction.

**Attachments:** [Bill 64 - Department Reorgs](#)  
[Non-Bargaining Unit Classifications and Pay Grades](#)  
[Bill 64- Department Reorgs.pdf](#)  
[Controllers Financial Review .xlsx](#)

## CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that there are four items for the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if they know if Ms. Martinez replacing the spot the Ms. Gomez had.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated yes and asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

[15-7125](#) R137  
Elizabeth Martinez, Allentown Parking Authority, 11/1/2027

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R137 Elizabeth Martinez - Allentown Parking Authority](#)  
[Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk Appointing Elizabeth Martinez - Parkng Authority](#)  
[Allentown Parking Authority List](#)  
[Resolution #30904](#)

Enactment No: 30904

[15-7126](#) R138  
Maria Brace - Civil Service Board, 1/01/2025 (replacing Janet Keshl)

**Sponsors:** System

**Attachments:** [R138 Maria Brace - Civil Service Board](#)  
[Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk Appointing Maria Brace - Civil Service Board](#)  
[Civil Service Board List](#)  
[Resolution #30905](#)

Enactment No: 30905

[15-7127](#) R139  
Oscar Ghasab - ACIDA, 1/01/2029 (Replacing Linda Rosenfield)

**Sponsors:** System

**Attachments:** [R139 Oscar Ghasab - ACIDA](#)  
[Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk Appointing Oscar Ghasab - ACIDA](#)  
[ACIDA List](#)  
[Resolution #30906](#)

Enactment No: 30906

[15-7160](#) R140  
Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:  
125 N 11th St.; 829 Turner St.; 423 N 10th St.

**Sponsors:** System

**Attachments:** [R140 HARB Resolution -August](#)  
[FINAL-Review 125 N 11th St - Install Signage](#)  
[FINAL-Review 423 N 10th St - Legalize windows replace roof fence](#)  
[FINAL-Review 829 Turner - Signage](#)  
[Resolution #30907](#)

Enactment No: 30907

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

[15-7149](#) R141  
A RESOLUTION OF CITY OF ALLENTOWN, COUNTY OF LEHIGH,  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE  
INTERMUNICIPAL TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE NUMBER E-1343  
FROM FEASTA ITALIANA LLC, 2400 SCHOENERSVILLE ROAD,  
ALLENTOWN, PA 18109 TO TOP – STAR EXPRESS, INC., 2050  
TILGHMAN STREET, ALLENTOWN, PA 18104.

**Sponsors:** System

**Attachments:** [R141 Liquor License Transfer Top - Star Express, Inc.](#)  
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Liquor License Transfer Request \(Top - Star Express, Inc.\)](#)  
[Public Hearing Procedures.docx](#)  
[The Morning Call Ad 7673771](#)  
[Top – Star Express, Inc., 2050 Tilghman Street - Mailing List \(revised\)](#)  
[2050 Tilghman St Posting I \(Top - Star Express, Inc.\)](#)  
[2050 Tilghman St Posting II \(Top - Star Express, Inc.\)](#)  
[2050 Tilghman St Posting III \(Top - Star Express, Inc.\)](#)  
[2050 Tilghman St Posting IV \(Top - Star Express, Inc.\)](#)  
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[2050 Tilghman St Posting XII \(Top - Star Express, Inc.\)](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she was coming here to have this committed, but after speaking and they were thinking about school, traffic, and parking. One thing they are not thinking about are the neighbors, taxpayers and the people who live in that area who testified today that they already see people in the park drinking. This only enables this more to happen. As they were speaking, she stated that she sold Candida's several years ago and now it is a place that you can buy beer, just beer. She owns the property next door and for the last seven years she has nothing but problems. There are more problems in her neighborhood from them being able to buy beer then when she owned her bar. They sit on her property and sit wherever they want. They got them in bags. She ran on quality of life issues. These neighbors that are taxpayers and lived their for forever and the school is a consideration and the traffic is. They think of citizens that come to them and tell them that they are drinking in the parks. She picks up the garbage so therefore she is not going to vote for this. There are plenty of places right up the street and a lot of other places. As Council people they need to start listening to the taxpayers and the people who live in Allentown.

Dr. Cynthia Mota thanked Ms. Affa and asked anyone else on the dais or the public.



Ms. Barbara Redmond, NAACP, stated that she agrees 100 percent with Ms. Affa. There is a problem and she knows her close family friends lives across the street from her and it is nothing, but problems. They can't even sit on their front porch. She agrees that there are enough Beer Distributors in Allentown. That one, they don't need.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any other comments from the public.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she approaches this from more of a community development kind of perspective. They got neighborhoods that don't have grocery stores. That don't have libraries. That don't have access to recreation. She is not saying this particular neighborhood. She is just saying in general that adding a substance that people, some people, many people struggle with and can claim lives. They are doing that Public Health Needs Assessment. She doesn't think adding more harmful chemicals into a neighborhood helps the neighborhood. She stated that she will be voting no.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any other comments.

**No:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 30910

[15-7155](#)

R142

Authorizes the submission of a formal application for funding from the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Services in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) as part of the Demonstration grant that will enhance roadway safety while minimizing pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

**Attachments:** [R 142 SS4A Demonstration Grant Application](#)

[Resolution #30908](#)

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Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 30908

[15-7128](#)

R143

Approves two transfers: (1) \$488,000.00 in Garage required to cover vehicle and equipment parts for the remainder of 2024; (2) \$20,000.00 in Police the Original Budget Amount for Genetec Advantage was used to purchase AED Service and Maintenance Due to Emergent Need to Have These Serviced and a Supply Maintenance Services Established.

**Sponsors:** System

**Attachments:** [R 143 Transfer Funds](#)

[For Genetec Advantage Was Used To Purchase AED Service and Maintenance To Cover Vehicle and Equipment Parts for the Remainder of 2024](#)  
[Resolution #30909](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it seems like an awfully large amount of money to be allocating for parks for the remainder of 2024. His question is what happened to the budgeting for the year. He asked if someone could speak to that and explain to him why that is such a large amount of money and what exactly happened here.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that currently they spent a little bit more than \$832,000 on parts to repair vehicles. As everyone knows it was a newer department. As they were putting their budgets together, they underestimated actually what they were going to need to repair vehicles and what they are estimating now what they are going to need for additional funding just to get them through the end of the year, considering they already spent \$832,000 on parts to repair vehicles.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked how long has the garage been back in service to the city.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated a little bit more than a year.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked has there been any tires or a variety of all types of parts.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that this money is the result of just doing more work in house. The contractor for Band-Aids. They are doing more permanent repair on these vehicles. Obviously, you are going to need a little bit more funding in the 54 account to do permanent repairs.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it is a large amount of money and he doesn't recall having such a need in the past. He understands and certainly that are going to be budgeting differently next year.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that in 2025, Council will see an increase in the 55 Account. A more accurate budget number to get them through.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that it is a fair question and he thinks that

remember in a previous meeting Mr. Shahda, you mentioned by doing better work on our vehicles now, the life expectancy on our vehicles should increase which in the long run will pay off. He asked if he sees that to be the case.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated absolutely. There will be a decrease in the equipment fund in 2025 by roughly \$500,000. They are already on track to reduce the equipment expenditures long term. They already seeing a return on their savings.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any other comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 30909

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

[15-7153](#)

Bill 73

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$4,500,000) of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) from the Central Fire Station capital project to an active capital project, Police Headquarters.

**Attachments:** [Bill 73 Capital Projects Fire to Police](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-7159](#)

Bill 74

Amending the 2024 Trexler Fund by authorizing a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Fund in the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$1,762.50) to the operating and capital budgets of the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 74 Trexler Unappropriated Balance Transfer 2024](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-7158](#)

Bill 75

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to support construction of the MLK Trail Extension.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 75 Parks MLK Trail Grant](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-7157](#)

Bill 76

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Fifteen Thousand Forty-Eight Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$15,048.57) from Irving Pool Improvements capital project into Valania Park to use for auto locks and signage and West Park for replacement of the bandshell windows.

**Attachments:** [Bill 76 Parks Irving Transfer](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-7156](#)

Bill 77

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC). These funds will be utilized to create a Master Plan for the construction of recreational fishing and boating access along the Lehigh River in Canal Park.

**Attachments:** [Bill 77 Fish & Boat Grant](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated to Ms. Santos, you are going to be very busy.

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-7154](#)

Bill 78

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to the newly created capital account for the WalkWorks grant to establish a Citywide Bike Infrastructure Plan. These funds have been awarded through the Pennsylvania Department of Health and will be reimbursed when the project is completed.

**Attachments:** [Bill 78 Public Works WalkWorks Grant](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

[15-7161](#)

R144

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 620 N 6th Street

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R144 HARB Resolution to DENY - 620 N 6th St](#)  
[FINAL - Review 620 N 6th Windows - Violation Correction](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or any comments from the public.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated to refer it to the DCED committee. The August 28th meeting.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-7162](#)

R145

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 240 N 11th Street

**Sponsors:** System

**Attachments:** [R145 HARB Resolution to DENY - 240 N 11th St](#)  
[R FINAL - Review 240 N 11th Windows](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the dais or any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## **NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that first of all Assistant Chief Gress had his car show two weeks ago on the mall. He thinks is was 230 plus cars showed up. It is normally a good turnout. He stated hats off for him for another successful event. He stated hats off to Ms. Mota for 10 children she took to the DR giving them an experience that they would not have otherwise had.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated there were a lot of trials and tribulations, but it got done.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she got one thing and it is up to Dr. Mota on whatever she wants to do. The gentleman that gave a card earlier for Courtesy of the Floor. She stated that he gave it to her and she gave it to and put it on your laptop. She stated that he is here now and stated that it is up to you if you allow him to speak or not.

Mr. Michael Hanlon asked is this the person who gave a card that wanted to speak on the federal budget. Is it that person? He stated Mr. Samuel.

**ADJOURNED: 7:14 PM**