



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they are going to begin the meeting, followed by the invocation and then they will have Courtesy of the Floor. He stated that he made an Administrative decision to move Bill 16 to the front of the Bill. The front of the agenda rather than have you all stand around or sit around. He asked if they can all please stand for the 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. Lewis Shupe, 1101 Hamilton Street, stated that he is here to speak about Bill 53 he thinks it was from 2023. He stated that time has past now and life is much more interesting now that Trump is in command. He stated that the other day, 17 people were kidnapped. ICE would say they were detained for various immigration actions, but the interesting thing here is that ICE is acting indiscriminate lately. These are people who may have already had various legal avenues and may have in fact already had legal papers, but they just did not have them handy. He stated that this is becoming a major problem for people of the Lehigh Valley for people of color, women, women health centers, and he had noticed in various places that these cameras, these automatic license plate readers that were installed over the last couple of years were installed in various hotspot places. He stated Women's Health Centers. The Planned Parenthood up on Ninth Street had one nearby. In combination with the other cameras that are already here in Allentown, this is going back to ICE and other federal agencies and with Donald Trump wanting to push ICE to get more people, he has to ask and should have wrote this down here earlier, but he has been posting various links on let's build a new Allentown together as well as Allentown PA community which is a much larger group right away, almost 25,000 people strong. He stated what worries him is that these cameras are being used and nobody is going to know about it. There are various nondisclosure agreements that he is sure that the police signed and the

mayor signed. He stated maybe you signed and stated that he doesn't know. He stated when these devices are used to attract people, you are not going to know. He stated that it worries him that it is not just the cameras here in Allentown, but Bethlehem has them too. He stated that they are scattered out the state of PA and scattered throughout the country. He stated that he posted one link where a Sheriff's Deputy in Texas was able to track a woman using the Police System through something like 8,000 different cameras were involved. In collagerating that data. He stated that it is not hard. Now, they are using artificial intelligence to do this. To do the watching. What guarantee that they are going to pick out the right person. He stated that the answer is, they don't. He suggested for Council to get rid of Bill 53 - 2023. He stated get rid of these automated license plate readers. Get rid of these cameras before someone gets hurt. Thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Shupe.

Contract Approvals

[15-7794](#)

R74

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for Esri Inc., Tactical Public Safety, and General Highway Products.

Attachments: [R 74 Cooperative Approval - 6.18.25](#)
[Resolution #31066.pdf](#)

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that they are all Cooperative Contracts.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked who will speak to this tonight.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that she will, but has no comment on these. They are just Cooperative Contracts.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated ok, are you good. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public or any comments from the dais.

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

Enactment No: 31066

[15-7800](#)

R75

Authorization for Contract with H & P Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,152,557.18 for rehabilitation of Bogert's Bridge, bid through the State as a result of a PennDOT TASA Grant.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R75 - Bogerts Bridge Construction Contract Resolution #31067.pdf](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated as Mr. Hanlon said since this is being funded for the PennDot TASA Grant, It is required that it is advertised on PennDot System. It is advertised under CMS System on the city's behalf as opposed of being advertised on Public Purchase. It was advertised on there. ECMS System on March 25th with an advertisement period running March 25th through May 8th. There were a total of six bids being received with an award being recommended to the lowest bidder.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if this is fully funded by the grant.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated yes.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you and asked if there were any questions from his colleagues or comments. He 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: 31067

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-7793](#) June 4, 2025 Special Meeting to Review Discrimination and Human Relations Legislation Minutes

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [June 4, 2025 Special Meeting to Review Discrimination and Human Relations Legislation Minutes.pdf](#)

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

[15-7791](#) June 4, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [June 4, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

Communications

Fish Hatchery Bridge Project Presentation: CDR Maguire Engineering, working on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is in the process of preparing plans for the Fish Hatchery Road Bridge (SR 2010) over the Little Lehigh Creek. The project will involve a full superstructure replacement and is currently in the preliminary engineering. They are required to give a brief presentation on the project – today is the day. (Recheck on PC set up)

Michael Baker Presentation: Suspension of the Rules to take Resolution 76 out of order. Someone needs to make a motion to suspend the rules to do so. The clerk takes the vote, reads the resolution into the record and Michael Baker is prepared to give a 10-minute presentation on the Walk Works Bike Plan. (Update to MB, ask about PC set-up)

R76

A resolution of the City of Allentown approving the Walk Works Bike Plan for the City of Allentown. Adopting the Walk Works Bike Plan will provide the city with a clear, actionable path to create safer and more accessible options for walking, biking, using a wheelchair, and riding public transit.

Chasers – If you parked in the city lot next to City Hall, please see the City Clerk for a voucher.

Mr. Mike Maguire stated good evening, his name is Mike Maguire representing PennDot District 5. No relation at all and not spelled the same as CDR Maguire. He stated that this is Brad Barn and John Caperilla both of that firm.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they will look into that.

Mr. Mike Maguire stated that he is from Engineering District 5 down the street. He stated that the purpose of this Project, just like it says, 2010 and that is Fish Hatchery Road. Over in the far southwest side of Allentown. The bridge carries Fish Hatchery Road over the Little Lehigh Creek, right next to the Trout Nursery. Down the street from the Native American Museum and there are some stables nearby as well. The purpose of the projects is to provide safe passage for all forms of transportation over the creek. The Project is funded 80 percent of federal funds, 20 percent state dollars. He stated that is completely a PennDot Project. the existing bridge was constructed in 1939, just before their involvement in World War II and they are still building things and focusing at home. It's four spans, steel beams, 172 feet long, and still appears an abutments. It has two travel lanes and a four foot sidewalk and for somebody who runs in that park occasionally and the sidewalks are in rough shape. He stated that the

Lehigh Parkway is a historic district. The bridge is not contributing to that and that has been determined by state historic preservation office already. He stated if they drive over that bridge and over to the Lehigh Hospital or somewhere over Cedar Crest Boulevard, you can see just driving by the parapets are dissolving just before our very eyes. The deck is in rough shape. Due to early coordination on the job with both your City Engineer and City Parks and Rec, the new bridge will include a wider sidewalk and a barrier between the sidewalk and the street traffic. There is that sidewalk now stating there you are. The sidewalk will also be lower so it better ties into the trail on either side which leads to the Fish Hatchery where a number of people go to and to the Native American Museum over to the creek and into the park on the eastside. He stated that they are going to replace the super structure. He stated that means new beams, new deck, new parapets, and of course the sidewalk will be different. The existing stone and abutments appears where the bridge stands on are going to remain. They will be appointing them and fixing them up as part of the job. He stated that they feel like they are good for another 75 years with just some repairs. They are solid stone. He stated that they are not moving the road and not moving the bridge. The new bridge will be two 11 foot lanes similar to this one, but will have a five foot wide sidewalk. This one is just shy of four feet. At the request of the city engineer, they will be keeping west bound traffic open throughout construction. He stated that they understand your ambulances is coming from the city of Allentown going to Lehigh Hospital over at Cedar Crest Boulevard. Use that route primarily. He stated that they are going to keep westbound traffic open. He stated that eastbound traffic will be detoured via I-78, the Lehigh Street exit, and then back up Oxford Drive. He stated that they are all state roads. He stated that there will be a pedestrian detour using the trails in the park. The cost of the project will be \$2.8 million in construction. Once again, 80 percent federal and 20 percent state. They hope to be in final design and get all into the details and quantities and that sort of thing. As well as right a way. In 2026, the only right a way they need is from the city park, fairly minimal. They looking at late bids in 2027 and have construction complete in 2029. Just as it says there. He stated that is our presentation and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions from his colleagues. He stated Mr. Glazier.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated if he may sir. As one who walks in the park frequently with his dog, he certainly appreciates a safer sidewalk there because it is hazardous. He asked is there a reason that they wouldn't put a sidewalk on the other side as well.

Mr. Mike Maguire stated that if they use the existing parapets and

everything, they don't have enough width there to put sidewalks on both sides and to keep two traveling lanes. The other side in the southwest part is really nothing to walk to. Where on the north side of the bridge, there a park, trails, a museum and the Fish Hatchery in the parking lot there on the other side.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he would beg to differ with him a little bit. He stated that if you walk down the road, there is a parking space and he is sure that people do it giving the limitations. He asked will this project also include crosswalks, marked crosswalks for people to cross the street and they may be now, but if they are, they are faded.

Mr. Mike Maguire stated that there is one. There is a parking lot on the other side the street. It is that gravel lot that runs either the southeast quadrant and stated that they will fix that crosswalk up and repaint that as part of it.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier asked about the signage and stated that he doesn't know if it will be upgraded.

Mr. Mike Maguire stated in the immediate vicinity of the project. Not up and down the whole road.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated right. He stated ok, thank you very much and thank Mr. Hendricks.

Mr. Mike Maguire thanked Mr. Glazier.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok. He asked does the public have any questions they wish to propose. He stated thank you very much.

Mr. Mike Maguire stated thank you very much and have a good night.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that they have another presentation. He asked Council if they would like to by common consent pull R76 out of the order and have it discussed tonight with their presentation.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated yes.

Suspension of the Rules:

[15-7806](#)

R76

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Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R76 - Adopting Walk Works Bike Plan](#)

Mr. Chris Stanford stated good evening. His name is Chris Stanford and is a Professional Engineer and a Certified Planner with Michael Baker and here to present the results of their citywide bike plan. He stated as they may know, the city received a \$35,000 Walk Works Grant to help to put this Plan together. He stated that here is the scope of the activities that was included with the study. They completed an inventory of existing facilities and a safety analysis. They did some community outreach. They did proposed improvements as well as touch on the latest and greatest bike infrastructure design. They also made some recommendations for future goals and evaluations and reporting related to bicycle improvements and made some recommendations for implementation moving forward. He stated that as they all know there is so many benefits of bicycling in general. It improves physical and mental health, reduces pollution, and a very cost effective transportation mode over driving and contributes to less congestion on our roads. There are a lot of definite benefits to improving bicycling in the city. As indicated previously, they first did an inventory of what is out there today. He stated that there is actually one dedicated bike lane in the city of Allentown right now on Mack Boulevard. It is about one mile long. There are 12 miles of shared lane markings. The shared markings out there that are painted on various roads. Mostly, on Linden and Turner, Hamilton, and Parkway Boulevard. Only pavement markings to sort of let motorists know you may see bicycles on these roads more prevalent than other roadways. They really do not give any physical protection or delineation to bicyclists today. They do have other infrastructure in the city that bicyclists can use in the parks and in our trail network or shared used paths. There are a lot of trails near the Lehigh Parkway and Cedar Beach and have the Jordan Creek Greenway shown on here that are available for bicycling also as part of the network. However, they are kind of disjointed. They don't connect. There are a lot of gaps in the networks. They is limited benefits from a transportation point of view from this network. There is a lot of things in progress and a lot of gaps that are going to be closed in the near future, but something that needs some improvements as part of the overall biking network in the city. They did an analysis of bicyclist related crashes. This was sort of leveraging the work that they did as part of the Safe Streets for All Plans previously with the city. Between 2019 and 2023, the trend unfortunately for bicycle crashes is going in the wrong direction. They started out in 2020, there were 16 crashes and 2021 and it went up to 18. In 2022, they were up to 20 and then by 2023, they were up to 28. He stated so unfortunately, they are going in the wrong direction as far as bike crashes. Hopefully, these improvements will definitely provide better safety and better education for drivers out there. One thing that they did notice in their analysis is that about more than 25 percent of the bike crashes occur at night and even 70

percent of those crashes were on streets that actually have street lights. He stated that there definitely needs to be a need for additional lighting related to bicycle safety on the city streets. He stated that will be a recommendation moving forward. Also, part of this they made sure to do some community outreach and community involvement with the project. He stated that they formed a diverse steering committee with various organizations, transportation organizations and representatives of the community. They had a number of Steering Committee meetings to vet this information and get their input in the process. They also did an online survey and an in person survey at a public event. They had over 200 responses to the survey and also again, did an outreach event at the Blue Zones Kick Off Event in Allentown this year. It was pretty well attended and it was a good event for highlighting this plan. A couple of things that came out of the surveys that they noticed. The majority of existing bicycle trips are really for recreational purposes. Limited use for transportation, commuting, and for other errands and other utilitarian trips. That is something that they would like to improve on and when they ask folks what would make you bike more, their main answer was build more good infrastructure. Right now, there is not a lot of great bicycle infrastructure in the city and it is not connected to each other. He stated really focusing on better infrastructure for bicycling as well as better and connected infrastructure. Whether it is off road or on road or a combination thereof. He stated speaking of infrastructure, again the photos on the upper left really shows you what's out there today. He stated that is Parkway Boulevard. That is a share of again. Beyond paint on the road, it is not really getting any protection or any delineation or infrastructure per se that is dedicated to bicycling. The one on the bottom left is sort of an upgrade. Some cities are putting these on a green backing to make them more visible, but again, it is just paving markings. It doesn't really give any protection or any physical delineated space specifically for bicycle lanes. He stated that the other photos they see here are samples of protected bike lanes. He stated that this is really where they go to on the roadways in the future and in many places already being implemented. The center photo there on the top is basically a buffered bike lane with flex post or flexible delineators. Again, with dedicated space in the roadway for bicyclists. He stated that the one to the right again is a combination there with rubber curb stops. Again, making a more protected feature there. The bottom center photo is parking protected bike lane. Basically, they are flipping and moving parking out of the way from the curb line and using a four to five foot along the curb line for bicycling and basically the bicyclist is protected from travel, travel car and traveling public and motor vehicles and traveling on the roadway by parked cars. It is very safe and very easy solution. He stated unfortunately, Pennsylvania Vehicle Code does not legally allow this right now. Various organizations are trying to get the vehicle code change so it will allow this. There are certain cities that are

already implementing this. Even though it is not technically illegal by the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code. They are doing on the city streets. They think a good solution is actually proven to be a very good solution moving forward. The bottom right corner, a lot of places are going to the extent of putting concrete barriers or concrete separators there between travel lanes and bicycle lanes to really harden that separation and good physical separation between the cars and the bicyclists. He stated that this has been a trend and increasing increasing across the country. He stated another tool in the toolbox is called a bicycle boulevard. He stated that it is basically taking advantage of low speed, low volume streets that they already have in our city in residential neighborhoods that are off the beaten path a little bit that could be improved to a traffic calming elements like speed bumps, curb extensions, raised crosswalks, neighborhood traffic circles as well as stop signs on the side streets to really prioritize bicycle traffic and low speed vehicle traffic on these roadways. They used custom markings and signage to identify these roadways for bicyclists. They would prefer to use those streets versus the more heavily traveled ones. A good solution and a lot of great residential streets that could work for bicycling in the city. He stated that a lot of effort was put forth to identify roadways in the city that could be modified or improved of bicycling. This was our proposed network right now. They have about 10 additional roadways they are recommending for shared lane markings throughout the city. Some additional bike boulevards that is shown in red and another eight or 10 dedicated bike lane routes in the city. He stated that these are a couple examples. He stated that he will hit a couple of highlights here. Linden and Turner mentioned are great east, west streets for connectivity in the street in the city. Right now, they both have two lanes. One way directional, but they have two lanes. One of the recommendations of the Steering Committee considering changing one of those lanes for bicycling. Basically, they would put in a baho five foot bike lane and each side of the bike lane would have a three foot painted buffer. Delaney could also be used to protect that bicycle lane as well. They understand there is likely some traffic canal system that needs to happen here to make sure that they are not going to be diverting vehicles to other intersections or other roadways that would cause issues and they will also understand that this will likely not be implemented by PPL Center by the parking garages and that sort of thing. There is a lot of activity around. That portion of Linden going to the west of 9th or 10th all the way out to Cedar Crest Boulevard could be considered for this treatment. Another Project that is actually moving forward right now is Jefferson Street. He stated as they all know Jefferson Street has very wide lanes, a very wide roadway for what's out there today. The travel lanes are upwards of 17 feet wide. There is a lot of extra space that could be reallocated for bicycling. They are proposing five foot bike lanes on each side with a two foot buffer of the travel lane. There is funding through the SA4 Demo Grant Project as well as an ARLE Grant

on Jefferson Street. This might be one of the first improvements they see in the city and then another example. There are a lot of half streets or alleys in the city. Maple Street being one of them. Church Street is another in Center City. Where they have limited traffic because of the narrow width and the way that they are laid out. They could really could be good bicycle route parallel to Hamilton and parallel to 145 so there is a recommendation to upgrade them with paver markers and bike lanes, potentially. One challenge with this is they do a lot of crossing of the more major streets. They will have to look at the crossing locations for upgrades and signing and striping and maybe a potential for raised crosswalks and speed cushions. They also talked about the need for creativity with the off road trail network. There are 11 recommendations for Projects. Some of these have been studied in the past. Some of these are new ideas and some of them are moving forward in the near future. He stated that he believes Union Terrace and MLK are in design or moving toward construction in the near future. A lot of good connectivity here in the trail network. It would be another element of the bicycle network. As mentioned the study asked about evaluating and setting some goals for approving the bike network in the city. What gets measured gets managed. If we pay attention to start measuring some of these things in the short-term, the medium-term, and the long-term they can make plans to make improvements moving forward. Again, they will look at the number of trips they have, the number of bike lanes and shared lanes, and bike boulevards and also looking at bicycling crashes trying to reduce those as we move forward as well as improving parking and general health in the city. He stated in conclusion, it is wrapping up some of our recommendations and implementation strategy. They proposed a number of list like this in the Plan that showed roadway sections that they proposed for improvements. He stated that they would recommend to the city that they will start looking at the repairs resurfacing programs, whether it is the city or PennDot to do some of these restripings as roads come up for re-stripings for resurfacing. There are a lot of grant opportunities out there for bicycling and pedestrian on infrastructure. He stated that they would definitely would recommend the city pursue some of these grant programs with the local, state and federal level to pursue improvements to bicycling. He stated that they also want to integrate with LANTA on the bus stop network. As they probably know, LANTA has bike racks on a lot of the LANTA buses, if not all of them. A lot of folks used accommodations of bus and bike to get where they need to go for work school and other needs. They also recommend that the city work with advocates or LVPC to start county bikes on an annual basis. He stated so they really know what they are up against and how many folks are out there. What are the trends and what are the areas that need improvement the most. In addition to that, they recommend better bicycle parking as well as a better way finding signage for bicyclists to help navigate in the city. He stated with that, he would be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that the statistics you showed for crashes do they include motorized bicycles.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated that he is not sure what the breakdown is, but he would presume that a bicycle and an E-Bike would be counted there. He stated that is a challenging issue related to bicycling or e-bikes. They have higher speeds.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated what he noticed is a lot of them in our city streets are driving in reckless speeds and manner. He stated that he thinks if it is not, it probably should be counted.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated that he is sure it is counted. That is an issue a lot of cities are struggling with if it is a vehicle. Is it a bicycle or where should that be riding. Should they be on trails. Should they not. How do we police them? Can a police officer pull over an e-bike if he is going too fast. He asked what is too fast for a bicycle. He stated that is another thing that is another thing if the city hasn't acted on they would definitely look at some of the guidance that DCNR and does the park folks have put some guidance out about how to regulate e-bikes.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated even in his neighborhood yesterday, he notices a young child and he might have been 10 years old or 11 with a motorized bicycle on the sidewalk which is unbelievable.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated that the challenge is to create infrastructure. Creating the place where bicycles can operate safely.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they should be.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated exactly and sort of retrofitting our roads say that they accommodate those uses better.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Stanford.

Ms. Candida Affa stated yeah, she has a comment. She stated that she has almost the same question. She asked are you on Turner Street or are you on Linden Street and they are on the sidewalk. She stated that the bicycles are safe, but if they have an e-bike there that is going 10 - 15 miles an hour. She stated that is where the problems are going to lie. She asked are they going to have to make some kinds of Rules that e-bikes have to stay on the streets or on the sidewalk. On the sidewalk, they can be as dangerous or maybe even more dangerous. She stated if she is riding a bicycle and somebody zooms past her with an e-bike, it is going

to be a lot more dangerous than they being on the street. She stated that it is dangerous for them on the street and they don't obey. It is dangerous for a biker who is just biking on Linden Street in the area they are supposed to.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated right. He stated that they would have to forgive him, but does the city have an ordinance about riding bikes on a sidewalk or an age limit. A lot of places have an age limit of about 12 as a limit for children to ride on the sidewalk. A lot of places preclude bikes on sidewalks just for that reason. It is not the right place. Sidewalks are for pedestrians, right.

Ms. Candida Affa stated this is how it was designated for bicycles, right.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated again, it depends on what the Rules are here. He stated that you have to make a decision. Do we allow bicycles on sidewalks at all or on certain sidewalks or not at all. You have to make some conscious decisions where bicycles. There are vehicles. They are designed to go 15 to 20 miles per hour. He asked do we want that on the sidewalk, probably not. Most places they say children up to 12 are allowed to go on the sidewalk and above 12 years old, you are not allowed to ride on the sidewalk.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that her point here is that they are going to install these for bicycles. These sidewalks on Tuner Street and Linden, correct.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated that this will be a bike lane.

Ms. Candida Affa stated for bicycles.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated that it would be a bike lane and it will be replacing one of the vehicle lanes with a bike lane.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that will be in the street and not be on the sidewalk.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that is what she is saying. They are building this for bicycles. What are we going to do if an e-bike is on there.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated that they are allowed to be on a bicycle lane.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that is the dangerous part.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there was anybody else.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated maybe bring some clarity to some of the questions. She stated that they recently updated their ordinance. She stated that she doesn't know if they remember two or three months ago. She stated Bike Works and the young people helped update the ordinance and updated the language. It is called pedacycle. They include e-bikes and she is sure that there are miles per hour cut off until it becomes a motorcycle or something. She stated that she believe that in business districts bikes of any nature, pedacycles or any nature are not allowed on sidewalks, but she stated that she believes that they are in other neighborhoods allowed by law, by state law. A lot of what she remembers of the change in the ordinance was updating the language to be congruent with the state law because a lot of our ordinance was not. She stated that is that and would be to answer that question and then stated that she is looking at this Resolution and asked are they voting on this tonight Mike, this Resolution.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that was the preference.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok, then she does have questions. She stated in the Resolution, at the very beginning it is not just about bikes. It is about walking, using a wheelchair, and riding public transit and asked what was done with all of that. She stated that she hears bikes.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated right, that might have been thrown in there to help meet the needs of the grant requirements.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated so we didn't do nothing.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated let's focus on bicycles. That was the understanding.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated if they didn't do it, she doesn't think they should act like we did something with the Resolution and asked if they should take that language out.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated that would make sense.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if that would mess up our grant.

Mr. Chris Stanford asked if Meghan was still in the room.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated no. It won't and stated ok, yeah. She stated that a Resolution is a statement. It is a declaration and she does not want to declare that they have done something that they really haven't done. She stated that she will make that amendment at a later time when she finishes

asking her second question. She asked is this what you just showed is the entire Plan because when she went on the website, it took her to the Safe Streets for All Plan and then she tried to download a PDF to see if this is included in the Safe Streets for All Plan, but her, but her internet and stated she does not know.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated that it should be a separate document and stated that this is just a summary.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked how do we get that entire thing.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated that he believes it will be posted on the city's website, like tomorrow as soon as you guys adopt it.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated at the end it says that if we support this Resolution that they are supporting the Plan that they haven't seen.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated that is fair. He stated again, they submitted the Plan to the city. He stated maybe they should have some time.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that they are not making a big thing up here, but some of them are talking about ordinances. She stated that she does procedures, right.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated to Meghan what needs to be adopted by the end of June and asked is that right.

Ms. Meghan (no last name given) stated by the end of August.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she guesses they have time. They don't have to vote.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that they don't have to vote on this tonight. She stated that she would like to see the Plan. She stated taking away lanes and talking about e-bikes and all that. She stated let's look at this Plan.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he actually had a question and stated that he didn't see anything about bike shares. He asked is that discussed and stated at some point you are going to integrate these bike lanes throughout the city. Maybe there should be a conversation about bike share. He stated that at certain points, New York City sponsors bike shares where you will see a row of 20 bikes and anyone could grab one and ride a bike to anywhere in the city and it happens at all points of interests. He thinks this is something that if you want to get people using this lanes that should be part of the conversation at some point.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated that it is a good suggestion. It was something that was brought up as an idea. It is a pretty big investment to get enough bikes out there. The other challenge is population density and having enough folks that actually support this to use the system supported. There is sort of a fine line of how many or how much investment versus how many people will actually use the system and how many people do we have in Allentown. Where will they go and that sort of thing. It is something to be considered and as more people ride, it is definitely something that we will recommend.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that his first thought is Muhlenberg College. Having a place there where they can grab a bite at Muhlenberg College and go to the Farmer's Market. They can come downtown. They can go anywhere throughout the city.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated that the idea of having free bikes. Community Bike Works fixes up bikes all the time. If they can fix 10 from Muhlenberg, 10 for Center City and 10 for South Mountain and 10 from other locations. It is moving as a starting point as it gets more popular and think of a formal program.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that it could be a great partner for sure.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated yeah.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she likes that. She stated that it is a good idea.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated just as much as he would like to vote for this, and is all in favor of anything that improves walkways and all. It is a little preposterous to expect them to vote on something that they don't have full details of. He stated that he would have to go along with his colleagues here and would add his voice that this will have to be tabled at this time.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated very good and they will make sure they will get copies of all of this.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks apologized, but he thinks that.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that they are not saying that it is not going to pass. They are saying that they need more time.

Mr. Chris Stanford stated that he appreciates their time.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Stanford.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated a great presentation, right.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that Ms. Hunter wanted to say something about wheelchairs and something in regards to wheelchairs.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated yes, certainly. He stated some of the public may not be at the next meeting when it comes up. He stated that he will allow public comment from anybody else that wishes to speak.

Ms. Paulette Hunter, 737 W Tilghman Street, stated that it appears that based on what she is hearing right now is that the evaluation that he was supposed to have done on the streets and everything was supposed to include wheelchairs and other things and it wasn't reviewed. Wheelchairs were not reviewed and evaluated as the bike was currently and other things. Things were not evaluated, but it was thrown in without being evaluated. She stated that her thing is about wheelchairs and electric wheelchairs and other things. It should have been evaluated as part of his evaluation about what should happen. She stated that they focus on bikes only and not the other things. She stated when he focuses, she would like him to focus on and get the proper from people when it comes up next time. She stated that she thinks electric wheelchairs should be part of it and wheelchairs should be part of it because they do have a lot of people with disabilities who uses electric wheelchairs and sometimes they are in the street.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it is absolutely correct.

Ms. Paulette Hunter stated that they need to be aware of what should they do and stuff like that. She stated that he did not do his homework without as she is concerned. He focused on that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they hear her and the gentleman also hears her.

Ms. Paulette Hunter stated thank you very much.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Hunter. He asked anybody else.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that technically no conversation should have happened stating they tend to do that.

Ms. Karen Ocasio, Southside, stated that she just has a question of what is going to happen with MLK. She asked if they want to do it on Martin Luther King. She stated that the traffic is crazy. She even has to stop the police

officers and beep at them and stop for the pedestrians. She stated that someone is going to get ran over and killed one day. She asked what are they doing to control the traffic there and the streets like Church Street. She stated that is an alleyway. She asked what are they planning on doing. She thinks and agrees with tabling and getting more assessment on it just because it was well thought out. She stated that she passes by MLK every single day and the traffic is crazy there. She stated that it is like more of an assessment needs to be done and stated that she is just wondering in regards to that. She stated that she agrees with the lady before them. They need to include the wheelchairs and the walking people and all of that stuff. She stated that was her assessment.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Ocasio.

Mr. Chris Stanford asked if he could clarify. He stated just to clarify the scope of the study that was put out by the city was bicycle only. He stated that was their charge was to it was a citywide Bicycle Plan that did not include evaluation on ADA or handicapped facilities or wheelchairs. He stated just to clarify. He stated grant it, it is a legitimate thing that they looked at in the future and it is something that is looked at with all engineering projects that the city does, but that was not the focus of this particular effort. He stated regarding MLK, the project on MLK is actually an offroad trail. It would be in the park and also on an old railroad bed on the Little Lehigh Creek. It would be off a roadway. It will be a trail within the park network. He stated that she has some legitimate points on some of these half streets and half alleys. There definitely has to be some safety improvements to look at, but they represent an opportunity: the low volume, the low speed. They could be improved for bicycle traffic.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Stanford.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she just wants to say that she does agree with Ms. Ocasio, especially on the weekends. She stated that street gets really, really very crazy with a lot of traffic. She stated that they play soccer there and baseball and the traffic is horrendous. She stated that something should be done on MLK.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, Ms. Affa.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she wants to address the wheelchair and asked to correct her if she is wrong. She believes it is legal to be on the sidewalks all over Allentown with wheelchairs. She stated that this is why they have the handicapped ramps for the wheelchairs.

Ms. Paulette Hunter stated that they are in the streets, the electric ones.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that the electric ones are allowed. A wheelchair is a wheelchair. She stated that they are allowed to have that. She stated that she believes the little scooters are allowed stating to Mike, not like you have. She asked the officers if they are allowed and the wheelchairs, even electric wheelchairs and asked what about the senior scooters. She stated that she thinks they are allowed and stated that she just wanted to clarify that. She stated you can use yours if you want and asked would you give it back.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if this is going to be tabled then and asked about the votes.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated yup.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated just a comment here. He stated with Chasers, if you parked in the city lot next to city hall, please see the Clerk for the voucher for your parking ticket.

? asked if Mr. Hendricks was referring to the lot right here by city hall.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated no, it is the government deck. He stated that if you park in the government deck, the parking is paid by our City Clerk. He stated that is for all City Council meetings.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he has an announcement to make. He stated that Council held an Executive Session this evening related to a confidential personnel matter.

This Resolution was tabled.

Old Business

Mr. Ed Zucal stated just real quick and stated that they have been going back and forth with Mike and the Controller. Back when they started giving the ARPA money, part of the federal rules were that there has to be accountability for that or at some point the city will be on the hook to pay it back. He stated that he knows that he is working on it and asked has anybody given any accountability of what they viewed so far.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated if he can take a minute to address Mr. Zucal's question. He stated that you gave out those community grants. The money probably went out late after everything went through the approval process. Some of the grants were to establish organizations like North Penn legal which used it for ongoing operations. Some of the money went to other groups who are less established. One of the requirements of this grant is that they must submit quarterly progress reports. The first quarter ended

March 31st. Reports came in sometime in April. He stated that he has them and have reviewed them. The second quarter reports will be at the end of July. He stated what he can say is that some of the people that were doing work in schools may not do their work until the Fall. He stated that they really don't have much to Report so far and he will follow up with the quarterly reports in October and then again, in January of '26 because that will be the 4th quarter report.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes, just to save you some time and stated that he thinks he should have been more clear about the people they gave the million dollar thing to.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated oh, those and stated he is sorry.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he should have been more clear.

Mr. Jeffery Glazier stated that he was looking at the Community Impact Grant, the hundred and something dollars. He stated that million dollars that you distributed to a number of people. He stated that the grants that were given to groups like CACLV or the Community Center.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that the developer that got a million.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated the same kind of thing. He stated that there is the housing development on 8th and Walnut. He stated that the building that just opened on Fulton and Hamilton got money.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated Marcon Industries.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he has not looked at those.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated wouldn't those be the ones to look at because the other community groups that was and they intentional put that money into CED so that they would not stating the Ms. Kistler was concerned that they wouldn't be able to comply with some of the ARPA regulations. She stated that they took that money and put it in CED.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that they are contracts have specific terms and specific deliverables.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated not ARPA. It is not.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that it is not ARPA deliverables, but all dollars

should probably be looked at. It depends on how much time and effort you have. He stated that he is looking at community grants to make sure that those groups make good on their deliverables or will as the Progress Reports come in. To some of the larger groups, he likes that is a conversation that he can have with the Finance Director. He stated that money and asked Bina to correct him if he is wrong. He stated that money is reimbursable. They need to receive and submit invoices that qualify before they get a distribution. He asked Ms. Patel is that correct.

Ms. Bina Patel stated yes. That is correct. Some of those entities have provided the invoices and they forwarded the funds to them. She stated that Ms. Kistler's team and Mark Hartney is willing to provide that information.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated basically that million dollars for is in escrow with you guys.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated that he doesn't know if that one was paid out or not. If it was paid out, they have provided sufficient documentation to us that showed that they made the expenditure and reimbursed them for it. He stated if Mr. Zucal wanted a status update on any of the other projects, where they are, he is happy to look into that.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated as long as they have shown accountability for the million bucks they gave them.

Ms. Bina Patel stated that they did. They provided that and we forwarded.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that is where he was going.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that those expenditures are detailed in the ever growing list of ARPA money in the Monthly Report that came out yesterday. He stated that is out there in the public. He stated that he will say that the community money that was given to community groups, those people got their money upfront. The ARPA money is reimbursable, you submit the receipt then you get the money. These community groups got all their money upfront and they are trusting them to spend it. He stated that in his opinion, spend it properly mind you is the oversight is doubly important because the money is already out of the street. He stated that he will say in the brief review that he did a first quarter report and found one group that wanted to credit the expenditures against their grant prior to the grant beginning and that is a no no. He stated that everything has a beginning and an end and you can't ask for money to be reimbursed two months before the grants started. It is not the way it works. He stated that he pointed that out to the grant administrator and he believes it was taken care

of. It doesn't mean they would be able to spend that money later on something within the terms of the contract, but what they had originally submitted could not be considered. He stated that is the one thing he found in the first quarter. He stated that he will advise them of that stuff and the Finance Director and he can certainly talk about some of the other things. He stated maybe they can get some kind of Report going forward on some of those major dollar projects. He stated that so Council can see how well this ARPA investment was used in the community on those larger projects.

Ms. Bina Patel stated absolutely they can and just so that Councilpersons know that they also have to file quarterly reports with the federal government. They also have those and stated that they are always in compliance with those.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she would be interested in and thinking that maybe say like a Marcon might not be a legally required for him to report. She stated that she remembers when he came for those who chose to support his project. She stated that he said Allentown residents would be getting the jobs. She stated that she would be interested to know how many Allentown folks are working there now. She stated that same with DaVinci. She stated that was part of the reason why some folks chose to she would think chose to give him a million. It would be great to see how many Allentown folks would be down there.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked was he done with the Project. What happened to the project.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she is not sure. She knows that he has hired construction folks and how many are Allentown companies and unions. She stated that she would love to know since they gave them a million dollars and he said he would do it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he can tell them this as he sits on the board of AEDC and stated that is the former Allentown Metal Works and they have rehabbed in the process of rehabbing the entire structure which is huge. They have actually moved their whole operation to Allentown now.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked do you know and stated maybe you have some of the inside info. She asked Mr. Hendricks does he know how many folks are there in Allentown.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he doesn't know, but can find that out for her.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated to Mr. Hendricks if he could get that, it would be great to know.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated through AEDC he will check with his contacts.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated just not short term construction jobs, but as well as anticipated during a training program to get the full-time job once they fully opened up. That would be great and stated union and non-union and all the goods.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he will get that.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach thanked Mr. Hendricks.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated sure. He stated thank you, Mr. Zucal.

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ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

15-7500

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Sponsors: Affa and Gerlach

Attachments: [Bill 16 Community Center](#)

[ACPC actions TextAmendCommunityCenter 03.11.25.pdf](#)

[Community Center Definition Change - A building used for recreational, social, educational and cultural activities owned and or operated by a public or nonprofit group or agency.pdf](#)
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[03 March Minutes Draft.pdf](#)

[Planning & Zoning Staff Report - Community Center Definiton Text Amendment - MAR2025.pdf](#)
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[County of Lehigh Law Department Receipt for Filing of Municipal Ordinance City of Allentown \(Bill 16 - 2025\).pdf](#)
[Ordinance #16141.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments on the dais.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he does have one new.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that they have someone to speak.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated Michael Swayer handed a card in.

Mr. Michael Schware stated hi Councilmembers. He stated that he just been listening to this and admittedly late coming to this discussion and getting up to speed on everything. He stated that a couple of point that stuck out to him is that he was listening to the discussion earlier. To him the issue isn't whether people should be fed or not, it is where they should be allowed to be fed and what changes there should be in our communities and our neighborhoods. He lives in not the West Park District, but South of Hamilton, off of 16th Street. They have a very strong single family, predominant neighborhood. A lot of rentals, but they are under attack right now. Not just from nonprofits, but there are houses that are being illegally converted t rooming houses. They have an illegal repair shop. Noise problems almost every other night. He stated that he called Zoning and they are overwhelmed. They don't have enough people to follow up. If they do, they can go check on it next week. He stated that they need Council's help. He understand that the Resolution doesn't make anything happen by right, but at the same time, residents are out working and don't have time to go to endless Zoning meetings. He stated that it is his understanding that the West Park Group did challenge the one application and they paid a lot of money for it. He stated that lawyers aren't cheap and goes to the next process and the next process. He stated that they need Council's help. He stated that there is a Zoning change as they know going on right now that' going to be discussed. He thinks it is entirely appropriate to have this discussion and Bill 16 included during that time. He stated not separately. There is no guarantee that this This Zoning is going to change or what is going to change in it. He stated that he doesn't think now is the time to make a change to the old Code and certainly not do it citywide. To him it is not about stopping anyone that's existing from doing what they are doing. It is more about stopping new locations from getting more intensive use in other neighborhoods and stated thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Swayer.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that is it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok and stated Ms. Affa.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she is glad he spoke because when the Bill first come up, it was a slam dunk. Of course, we are going to feed everyone. It is what we are going to do, but after listening, it is more than just the existing places feeding more people than seniors. She stated that this is opening and stated she doesn't know opening a can of worms. They are also listening to the people that live in the neighborhoods. She stated

when they are elected, they are elected not only to protect the homeless, they are there to protect homeowners, taxpayers and the people who live here for many, many years. She stated when they sit up here and like she said she thought it was a slam dunk. She stated well, it is not. She stated that this could possibly open up to more of these facilities opening up and more places like the West End or the neighborhoods or the people live and don't want the homeless people in their neighborhood. She stated that she worked at the State Hospital and agrees with the gentleman. She stated that they had a place for the homeless and it was called the State Hospital. It is just not an Allentown problem, it is the country. She stated that they closed them all down. She stated that she feels really bad and also listened to the owners and the taxpayers of the community. She stated that she is not sure that passing this Bill is not going to open it up for other places and other things. She stated that they may not have a say in this any longer. It may be Zoning. She stated that they don't know what is going to happen in the future. If it were just it and at the end of it, of course, she would like to open it up to everyone: Ripple and everybody else, but her problem here is this going to open a can of worms that they are not going to be able to control and more and more is going to open and they are going to have more and more of the neighborhood people coming in. Hardworking, taxpaying people who are no longer happy living in Allentown. She stated that as Council people they are elected to protect them also. Not just the homeless. She stated that this is a very, very difficult decision to make. She stated like she said she thought it was a slam dunk, but it really isn't. It is a lot more than feeding just seniors.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Affa and asked anybody else.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated quickly, thank you and stated that the one thing he thinks about is how this impacts not, and stated that it impacts the entire city and the conversation has been really guided towards one neighborhood and justifiably so. He stated that he understands their concerns. He has some honest conversations when it comes to the residents. Ultimately, they do serve the entire city and do believe based on Mrs. Gomez testimony, that the residential neighborhoods throughout our city will be protected because this will be only available by special exemption. This is not something that folks could open up community centers in every neck of the woods and in southside, east end, and west end and center city residential neighborhoods by right and he believes it was only commercial and industrial Zoning Parcels that are available by rights. He stated when he thinks about this, it is a difficult decision. He stated that residential neighborhoods are protected. He stated that if they vote no and stated he is sorry, if they vote yes, they will have to go back to the Zoning Hearing Board. They would have to proof their case and that is something that is something applicable because it is a residential

neighborhood. He stated when he thinks about it, it is more and more they need their nonprofits to step up and they are doing as much as they can locally even without the assistance of some of our federal and Pennsylvania state resources so having this legislation be ambiguous and unclear only makes their job harder and he thinks their job is hard enough. He stated that he just wants to put that out there. He stated again, he believes a residential neighborhood will have their opportunity to prevent this from happening because of the Special Exemption.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Napoli and asked if there was anybody else.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked a quick question maybe for Ms. Gomez and then she has a statement. If an entity is serving food, the Health Department comes out and inspects them and makes sure that everything is good to go, right.

Ms. Jennifer Gomez stated that she believes that it would come under review for their Health office as well.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated if things were to run rampant and everyone starts serving food to people, the Health Department would come and if someone lived within the neighborhood where some random community center would open up without going through the proper protocol, they could file a complaint and someone will come out and handle that.

Ms. Jennifer Gomez stated probably the first line would be Zoning to see if there is a use that needs to be verified. It is permitted within the Zoning Code. The Zoning Officer will go out there and advise that they come in and be reviewed. In any instance, if it were to pop up, a Zoning Officer will go out and see if it was an approved use. If it wasn't, it would come in for an assessment and go through any approval process that the city required, including in the case of residential neighborhoods and within our residential zoning districts on whether or not a Special Exemption Approval have been obtained for the use and if it had not then the Zoning Officer would start the process to make sure they came in for the Special Exemption approval to be evaluated further. Again, upon a Public Hearing.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated great, ok and stated thank you. She stated tonight, they are talking about people eating, essentially. She stated that is what they are voting on here tonight. Allowing people to eat. She stated for her Community Centers raised her. Growing up, she grew up in public housing. She stated that her mom got \$60 in food stamps. Even back then that was not alot. She stated yeah, she needed community centers to go to to eat. She stated that she is lucky that in the town she grew up in, there

wasn't a provision that said only senior citizens can eat at a Community Center or they would not have food. She stated that when she was homeless, she ate over a Saint Paul's Church in the basement. She stated so that was out of compliance and against the law to be eating there. She went and ate over that place in the 1st Ward. She doesn't think they serve anymore on Chew Street. She stated that she guess that was out of compliance. She stated that was against the law. Community Centers, especially the ones that serve food, they add vitality. They add stability, a sense of community to a neighborhood. Having access to food was a human right. She stated that some folks are concerned that by allowing Community Centers to start officially, legally begin to serve anyone at any age that might lead to something more. She stated that you know, you are right. It might lead someone developing a social connection that can get them out of their addiction. It might lead to someone breaking bread with someone else who can help them get mental health treatment. It might lead to someone getting their State ID and allow them to get a job. She stated yes, you are right. Having Community Centers to feed people might lead to something more and that is what we want. She stated that Community Centers that feed people add to the vibrancy. They make the neighborhood stronger. She stated that that she looks forward to more Community Centers existing in the city of Allentown, especially now they can feed people. She stated that she thinks that is wonderful. She stated that she is glad they are making the Zoning change, if it passes tonight.

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Ms. Jennifer Gomez stated that since the primary concerns here are residential neighborhoods and the answered the questions for residential zoning districts including commercial districts and industrial districts, the answer is a little different. Within our residential zoning districts currently there is a special exemption use and the residential zoning districts. If somebody wanted to legitimately come in and get approval to do this and again, assuming in a residential zoning district. The process will be to file an application with the Zoning officer. The first application would actually be a formality denied because a Special Exemption use that can't be given over the counter. It would take that denial as an appeal and take it to the Zoning Hearing Board and they would say, this is a special exemption use and make their case. She stated procedurally on their end, they do a Public Notice in the newspaper. They notify the surrounding neighbors and they advertise that they received this request and they go before the Zoning Hearing Board and take public testimony and again, one of the decision-making factors would be whether or not there will be negative impacts on the desirable character of the residential neighborhood. She stated that would all be assessed at that time. Again, this is for residential and zoning districts.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that passing this Bill isn't going to change any of that, right.

Ms. Jennifer Gomez stated no. This will change the definition which could remove the restriction on senior citizens, but the procedures to get it would

remain unchanged with this Bill. She stated just like the applicant in question needed to go before the Zoning Hearing Board to have a Public Hearing and in that case it was denied. They would need to file again and have a Public Hearing and get a decision.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that it will be the same as it is now, really.

Ms. Jennifer Gomez stated exactly. It is a definition change and that's it.

Ms. Candida Affa stated to get a Liquor License because owned a bar, it had to be approved to put the big orange sticker up there and the neighborhood and knows they don't want it. She asked does that have any play and does the neighborhoods have any say when it is the Zoning Hearing and their appeals. She stated that this Bill won't change any of that.

Ms. Jennifer Gomez stated yes, the neighbors can provide testimony either in support in that position and provide whatever evidence they have to demonstrate how this may or may not comply with the standards with the Code and impact their neighborhoods and there will be an open Public Hearing to make that decision within the neighborhoods.

Ms. Candida Affa thanked Ms. Gomez and stated that she appreciates it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, is there anybody else on the dais.

Ms. Natalie Santos asked if they are about to vote.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated yes.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if they vote yes, that means that it passed.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated yes, and he has one more card for this.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, but we have stopped public and he believes the gentleman was here prior and could have spoke at that time. He stated that he is going to have to deny him at this point since he already came to the dais to speak. He apologized and stated Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes, and asked to read the exceptions again, please.

Ms. Jennifer Gomez stated some of the criteria.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated or the ones that would cause it to be denied.

Ms. Jennifer Gomez stated it states the Zoning Hearing Board shall not approve a Special Exception application if evidence is presented that the use will result in a traffic safety hazard. A public health or safety hazard or a negative impact on the desirable character of a residential neighborhood.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that the third one was one of the biggest things that was expressed stating if he recalls.

Ms. Jennifer Gomez stated correct.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated to Mr. Hanlon if they vote yes, it will pass and then the language will be removed.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated correct.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she is just making sure.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok. Mr. Hanlon, please conduct the vote.

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks, seconded by Cynthia Mota, that this Ordinance be Suspend The Rules. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 16141

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that was already passed and stated we got Bill 50.

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

No: 1 - Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 16141

[15-7761](#)

Bill 50

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to support the rehabilitation of Bogert's Bridge.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 50 Bogert's Bridge RACP Allocation](#)
[Ordinance #16142.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions from the dais or comments. He stated seeing none and asked if there were any comments from the public.

Male audience member stated that he just wants to make a general comment about the issue about the community centers which he thinks is a good thing. He stated that he knows that they are on a final vote and heard some pros and cons on it. He stated that there was one thing that stuck to him about the whole issue and he thinks they brought it up unintended consequences. There is one issue that he is hoping that City Council will have control because serving food is fine to anybody that needs it, but you got to be able to eat it on premises. The trash in this city is 90 percent coming from fast food restaurants, people at convenience stores and so if you look at all the Wawa's, there is all over the place. He stated that we got to make sure that if the community centers are in our neighborhoods that they got to eat the food on premises, no take out, and none of the cups and things that are going out because it is a good service, but we got to control and we can't have these trash more than it is already is in the neighborhoods and then the other thing is besides and that was the other thing that he wanted to bring up and doesn't know if they are going to have control over that now. He doesn't know exactly how it was set up, but it is important that the people at the nonprofits know and respect the neighborhoods by making sure there is not a lot of paper goods going out the door. He stated that is all he is saying because you can't use plastic. You have to use paper cups and paper plates and that is the only thing that he sees that is important with that issue to keep the trash down. The other thing about and this is his second or third City Council before he has been back. He stated that 25 years ago, he was very active in the community here and when it comes to unintended consequences, he is very familiar with that because when he worked with the city, he worked with some of the community groups and there were some things that he proposed and yes, you don't know when you are really big on certain issues and it turns out that the issue is fine, but then there are other issues that come about from the stuff they are trying to make better. He stated that one thing he has to tell them about living back here now, he does a lot of walking around in the neighborhood and stated by the way he lives on 15th Street so he is working with West Park Civic and so far he has been back by January. He has raised almost \$1,000 and that is what he wants to do for the rest of his life. As far as the Bike Plan and stated that there is one thing that you have to understand, he has lived in a city in the south where the weather was nice, the Bike Plans were nice and people were using the bikes a lot and in this city, you got to understand there is only seven or eight months of nice weather where you could use bike's safely on the city streets. He stated then there is ice and snow and stated that is the bigger problem that he knows in the city up north with bikes in the bike lanes and as far as the sidewalks, he has walked around the city and all the money that was spent on the handicapped ramps. You walk 10 feet and because of the tree roots, you wind up with the city sidewalks that are like this so a lot of people

don't use the sidewalks that are handicapped because once you get on the ramp and get on the sidewalk, it is dangerous in some locations because of the sidewalk that is raising up because of the tree roots. He stated that he loves his hometown and had a little bit of bad luck going to Florida.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he is going to have to cut him off. He stated what he is addressing needs to be pertinent to what they are doing. He apologized and that you were late and that is why you did not get to speak about that meeting. He stated that they are beyond that now.

Male audience member stated that did not give his name stated that he is sure that those neighborhood won't suffer from trash problems.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they will do their best. He stated that he is welcome to come back to any other meetings and by doing that you will also learn about the priorities.

Male audience members stated that he will.

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

Enactment No: 16142

[15-7762](#)

Bill 51

Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) from the Equipment Fund into the Fleet Maintenance budget to account for repairs on city equipment that exceeded the original budget amount. These unexpected repairs include fire equipment, paving equipment, and tub grinder equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 51 Transfer Equipment Fund to Fleet Budget](#)
[Ordinance #16143.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues 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: 16143

[15-7764](#)

Bill 52

Amending Article 507 (Traffic Control Maps) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown. The Administration is authorized to establish and evaluate traffic regulations for a temporary period not to exceed 90 days. This legislation makes the temporary changes permanent.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 52 - Traffic Control Map Amendment](#)
[Ordinance #16144.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks 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: 16144

CONSENT AGENDA: There are no resolutions for the consent agenda.

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-7781](#)

R73

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 945 Turner Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R73 945 Turner St-HARB DENIED Resolution DRAFT .doc](#)
[FINAL Review 945 Turner Chimney Repair Legalization.docx](#)
[Resolution #31068.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from his colleagues.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that it was in her committee and it was forwarded favorably in front of full Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked for the Denial.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated yes.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Dale Fritchman, owner of 945 W. Turner Street, stated that he is in a situation where physically he has to move. He has to be on one floor. He stated that the point being made is that he had a city inspection to see the appropriateness of resale of a property and one of the things that they noted on the inspection was the furnace needed to be cleaned out and addressed. He stated when they did, they noticed that there was more damage to this furnace and you had to get somebody of a chimney sweep or someone someone who understands chimneys so he did and hired a gentleman from Blue Mountain stating that he already talked to some of you here to address this problem and stated that he is going to let him explain it. He stated that he doesn't know enough about Chimneys, but had to get a new liner put in because the previous liner was the wrong size and had

deteriorated and it was a problem there. When he came to take a look at it, he found that it was also blocked. There were two lines. One for the boiler down in the basement and the other one for a fireplace on the first floor and the liner was blocked. It took quite a few gallons of sediment out and it was said that he was lucky that it wasn't carbon dioxide and he died during he wintertime. He used it because it was in cold winter. He stated anyway, the gentleman with that went to the city to talk to the inspectors and he is going to turn it over to him. He knows more about this then he does and definitely and he is going to explain what took place and how it was addressed to fix this problem.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated excuse me Mr. President and stated let me rephrase it. She stated that she remembers it was denied.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated yes, this was already discussed at the committee level and it was denied and it was taken under and that is presented now under the full Council.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated that he was first of all as the owner of the property, he was never notified that they had meetings on his property and this is he first time he found out that his property coming up here to City Council. He stated that he was never notified.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he is going to dispute that because the city sends out notices to the homeowner. It doesn't go to whoever you hired to do work. It would have went to you, sir.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he believes that the CD department contacted the contractor if he was there to speak to the issue.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated that typically he would think on an application and whoever is listed as the applicant would be there to represent the project. He stated that they were certainly notified. He stated if your contractor came in to fill out paperwork and didn't tell you about it.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated that he went by the guidelines that the city inspectors were telling him to do is what he did.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated he could see the city saying you need to have the chimney inspected and make it operable. It is pretty clear any exterior and anything that is visible from the public right a way is covered by the HARB ordinance and on all of their Inspection Reports when they go out and say you need to change the windows. If you are located in a Historic District, the city says you are in a Historic District. It may require a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated that is what he and asked can he talk.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated what they are giving him is two bites of the apple. It was already discussed here and set to vote on it tonight and depending on what the outcome is, you have the right to appeal it. He stated that if they gave everybody the same opportunity, you will be here forever.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated that he was told that what he did by the city and he went up and beyond the call of duty in what he has done and his repair work of this.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated to be clear, there are two separate issues. One is a Building Code issue to make a functioning fireplace which a lot of times if you are talking about a liner to replace the liner. He stated that HARB would not regulate that. He stated when you start messing with the brick around the liner that is visible from a public right a way then that turns into a Certificate of Appropriateness issue.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated that he has lived in Allentown since '87 and he probably can see about 40 chimneys that are stuccoed in his vicinity. He stated that he talked to two people and they said they just did it. They just fixed it and they just didn't tell anybody. He stated that he tried to do the right thing because his wasn't something that he just wants to cover it up. He stated that it was a health issue. It was an emergency issue and when you spent 60 something thousands of dollars on this thing. It wasn't something exactly that he looked at and thought well you slap something on there and that is it, I am out of here.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated with this particular one, they were notified while the work was being done. Went out and explained to the contractor what needed to occur and the work was finished after without coming in to pull the appropriate Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mr. John Sekella asked Mr. Hartney if he is the gentleman that supposed to have said to him that you supposed to stop.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated no, it was not him. It was one of our employees.

Mr. John Sekella stated because he is here and he stated that he has never been told that. When he went there to find out because he told him that you have to go through them. You have to explain to them what you can do. He stated again, he is not a chimney person. He is. He did and he did what he was told to do. Now, in a phone conversation he had last week,

somebody had supposedly said or supposedly stopped and he was never told to stop.

Mr. Mark Hartney asked who.

Mr. John Sekella asked who and stated he doesn't know who.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated that he knows Brandon Jones, who runs our Art District was out. He talked to and he doesn't know if it was this gentleman or somebody on site saying you need to get a Certificate of Appropriateness. You should stop work.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated to the back you should stop talking in the back, please.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated that he knows that occurred.

Mr. John Sekella stated that he also asked how many of these chimneys have been rebuilt. He asked Mr. Hartney can you tell me.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated that he doesn't know that.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated yeah, he knows. He stated all of a sudden he has to rebuild a chimney after spending \$60,000 on it. He stated that he called contractors to see if there is something else that they can do. They can match paint. He stated that he doesn't know and stated that he has pictures of the chimney work that this gentleman did for me from Blue Mountain. It is not a slap on stucco thing. It was to seal with the issues on it to take care of it and matching the color. He stated that his house is painted. It is a brick house and it is painted. He stated you can match that with the chimney as a solution, but again, it was a health issue. A safety issue, not only for him but for his neighbors as well.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he knows what he is saying, but again, he was here at the Hearing and first of all a permit was never pulled. The work was being done on a Sunday and that would not have even been noted except for the employee of the city happens to see it then. That is something that the person you contracted with should know you need to have a certificate to do work such as that and one was never obtained. He stated had there been one obtained, you would have known what you would have been able to do about the chimney because it was in a historic area. He stated again, they are going to move forward to vote and again, you have the right to appeal, but that is going to be up to you.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated so you don't want to listen to the Chimney

Sweep at all.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated no and stated that he already listened to him and the committee has all listened to him and made out decision based on that. He stated that they don't give people to bite of the apple with having a Hearing and have another Hearing. He stated that they made a decision and it will be up to the rest of the Councilmembers now to make their decision along with us.

Mr. Dale Fritchman asked who will send the appeal thing then.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated I'm sorry.

Mr. Dale Fritchman asked who will send him the appeal process. He stated that he has a feeling that you are not going to move not to help him out.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated you have to get that information and stated he doesn't know who. He stated to Mr. Fritchman that he has to obtain it.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated that he would have to from whom.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated so if the Denial is upheld you will need to come up with a Plan to bring the Project into Compliance. He stated that will be submitting a proposed solution whether that is repointing the brick or painting the brick and work that out with HARB, but if you don't follow through with that then this is a violation and you would start pursuing citations with the Magistrate.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that seems very reasonable and asked Mr. Fritchman if he is agreeable to that.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated after paying \$60,000, it is not too exciting no.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she has a question and asked is there an appeal because that did not sound like an appeal.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated no, he stated that he is willing to work with him.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated that it is not an appeal process.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Fritchman.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated so there is no appeal process stating there isn't.

Ms. Candida Affa stated he is willing to work this him.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that he would have to knock all his chimney stuff down and put bricks.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated not necessarily. He has to come up with a plan. Therefore, he has to speak to the historic district and find out if they can come to a solution. It could be painting or it could to put a few bricks or so on and so forth. She stated that you guys have to come to a solution to with you and HARB.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated that he doesn't even know who he is.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated his name and stated that he is the Deputy Director for Community and Economic Development.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated ok.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked is that agreeable with you, then.

Mr. Dale Fritchman asked does he has a choice.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he thinks it is reasonable.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated sir, everything is not lost. She stated that it is important that you contact the historic history, HARB. They are going to be willing to work with you one way or another.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated that it sounds like you already made your mind up which you are going to do. He stated that he is sorry to hear that and that is why he is here tonight because this is the first time he knew this was being brought up here with City Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that the gentleman sitting there was at the here earlier.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated that there are some people from City Council there.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated yes, the committee.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated that he doesn't know who though.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that it was in her committee and did listen to him.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated if this is the first time being told about it stating he is sorry, it is not on us.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated that he will hope that there will be some consistency in the city of Allentown for all of its residents.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated there is some consistency stating when you do work, you need to get a permit to do it. There are certain guidelines that you have to follow in the historic district.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked is it possible to give him the phone number of the person he needs to contact before he leaves tonight.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated sure.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked one last question about if HARB and sometimes when Ms. Kistler is here, it seems like it has been conversations between HARB and Kistler and the homeowner. She asked has that happened where they already said hey, you could do this. You can do that.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated that his understanding is that the case was taken to HARB. The applicant was unwilling to change what had been completed. They voted to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she guesses she is saying she recalls homeowners coming in where they already done the work and to undue the work will be very expensive. They come up with a happy medium where they say ok, they don't have to undue this, but it is a little bit more in compliance, put this up. She asked has that conversation happened.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated that they attended a HARB meeting. They were unwilling to change there proposal to something.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she doesn't think she is correctly communicating.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated to Ms. Gerlach that she understands where she is coming from.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated you know those times where they come in and they are like.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that is what he needs to do and that is why she is

asking him to give him the phone number because they need to work. They need to come to a conclusion, a solution.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that a lot of time that has already been done by the time we get to this point. She stated that Ms. Kistler has already spoken to the homeowner and they already worked out an agreement on this is how this meeting is going to go, but don't worry.

Dr. Cynthia stated that she doesn't think so because he is the homeowner and he seems not understanding of that. She stated what he needs to do is make sure you give him a call and let's see if they can work something out with you.

Mr. Dale Fritchman stated that the reason that he has sent him to the city people was for him to explain what he could be doing and at no time did he tell him certain things he could not do or whatever. He stated that they complimented him on the fact that on what he did when they came up with a Plan to do the stucco. It is just not a throw it all stucco. He stated that it is well done. He stated you have pictures of it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Fritchman.

Mr. Mark Hartney provided Mr. Fritman, Brandon's number and stated that he administers the HARB.

Yes: 5 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

No: 2 - Natalie Santos, and Ce-Ce Gerlach

Enactment No: 31068

[15-7801](#)

R77

Approves the submission of a formal grant application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the construction of Phase 2 of the Martin Luther King (MLK) Trail. The City is asking for \$300,000.00 in grant funding with no match required.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R77 MLK Trail Grant Application](#)
[Resolution #31069.pdf](#)

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated no match is required.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues 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: 31069

[15-7808](#)

R78

Cancels the July 2, 2025 Council Meeting

Sponsors: Affa, Hendricks and Mota

Attachments: [R78 Happy 4th cancels July 2 CM.doc](#)
[Resolution #31070.pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: 31070

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

[15-7796](#)

Bill 53

Amending the 2025 General Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) to support the Main Street Program in the Department of Community & Economic Development.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 53 Main Street Program](#)
[CED Committee Presentation Summary July 16 2025.docx](#)
[DAA City Council 7.15.pdf](#)
[Ordinance #16145.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 16145

[15-7798](#)

Bill 54

Amending the 2025 Trexler Fund by authorizing a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Fund in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$121,750.00) to the operating and capital budgets of the Parks and Recreation Department and correspondingly increase the City Match amount by Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Five Dollars (\$7,305.00)

to follow the 6% requirement.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 54 - 2025 Trexler Allocation.docx](#)
[Ordinance #16146.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

Enactment No: 16146

[15-7797](#)

Bill 55

Amending the 2025 General Fund budget by changing the Fixed Cost Distribution (FCD) for seven (7) positions within the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) to direct a portion of their salary and benefits expense to the Grant Fund Recompete Program budget to reflect work performed under the grant.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 55 Recompete FCD Amendments](#)
[Ordinance #16147.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked Mr. Hendricks if he would like to take Bill 55 to his committee.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated yes.

Dr. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Hendricks.

Enactment No: 16147

[15-7805](#)

Bill 56

Amending the 2025 Trexler Fund by authorizing a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Fund in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Three Hundred and Five Dollars (\$193,305.00) to the operating and capital budgets of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 56 - Capital 2025 Project Allocation](#)
[Ordinance #16148.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 16148

[15-7810](#)

Bill 57

Amending the 2025 General Fund budget to accommodate the upgrading, retitling, and addition of positions in the Departments of Law, Finance, City Council, Police and Public Works.

Sponsors: Administration, Affa, Hendricks, Napoli and Mota

Attachments: [Bill 75 Personnel Changes.docx](#)
[Benefits Coordinator.pdf](#)
[CES Job Descript.docx](#)
[Payroll & Treasury Coordinator final.docx](#)
[Procurement Sourcing Specialist.pdf](#)
[PW Operations Supervisor Job Description.docx](#)
[Senior Accountant Job Description Updated.docx](#)
[Ordinance #16149.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public.

Ms. Karen Ocasio, Southside, asked why are doing these positions. She stated don't they address positions and add positions and giving raises and things like that during budget. She asked why are they doing it now.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they will discuss it at the committee meeting. He stated that they will have the opportunity to do that at that time.

Ms. Karen Ocasio stated that these are to add positions and raises before the budget, correct. She stated that is what she is asking. She stated normally these things are left during budget season in the Fall. She asked why are they doing it ahead.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it is going to be in the committee meeting.

Ms. Karen Ocasio asked when is that done. When is that meeting?

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated July.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated July 16th.

Ms. Karen Ocasio stated July 16th and stated that they will be paying attention.

Enactment No: 16149

[15-7811](#)

Bill 58

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to support construction of the MLK Trail Extension.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 58 - MLK Trail Grant.docx](#)

[Ordinance #16150.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Enactment No: 16150

[15-7815](#)

Bill 59

Providing for the vacation of Hill Street from the centerline of South 22nd Street to the centerline of South Ruhr Street in the Eighteenth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 59 VAC-ORD Hill St.doc](#)

[maps.pdf](#)

[22nd and Hill Street \(2151 & 2143 W Fairview Streets\) Street](#)

[Vacation Mailing List.csv](#)

[ACPC action Hill Street 12.10.24.pdf](#)

[PW Staff Comment Hill St Vacation.pdf](#)

[Hill Street DT.pdf](#)

[Ordinance #16151.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 16151

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

There are none.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 8:17 PM