



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, October 6, 2021

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Invocation:

#### Pledge to the Flag

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

#### Courtesy of the Floor

#### Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. David Mentor, 138 Sycamore Street, thanked mayor O'Connell, City Council, Leonard Lightner and whoever was involved getting our property cleared of garbage and the alley near them. He stated that they appreciate it.

#### Contract Approvals

#### Motion to take Resolution 163 out of order to transfer money into the proper accounts for Resolution 151 in regard to the demolition of Irving Pool.

[15-4589](#)

R151

Authorization for Contract with Penmar Services, Inc in the amount of \$355,078.48 the City seeks the services from qualified firms to provide demolition and removal services related to the Irving Pool rebuild project.

**Attachments:** [R151 Penmar](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that is was done as a Rebid as 2021-22. It was advertised on Public Purchase. It was accessed by 24 vendors and three proposals were received. After the review of the submissions, the department would like to reward the lowest bidder, Penmar Services, Inc. The cost of this contract is \$355,078.48. The city has successfully done business with this vendor before.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked they are going to be removing the old materials. We had an incident where we had one contractor to do the work and one

contractor to take it away.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that the contract is removing all the materials and demolishing everything and taking everything off site.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if it is a local company.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that they are out of Bethlehem. It is Northampton.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if they were the lowest bidder.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated yes, in total.

Mr. Joshua Siegel asked when is the project going to be shovel ready and they start removing the pool.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that if you remove the contract. We will give you the opportunity to Notice to Proceed. They are standing by quite frankly. They are waiting for City Council approval. They should be done no later than November. We are giving them 30 days to remove everything.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that the anticipation is to turn it into a Slash Park.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that it is actually a swimming pool. It is a full pool type of construction.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if it includes the bathhouse.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that it includes demolishing the bathhouse as well as the pool.

Ms. Candida Affa stated she believes in the draft for the Covid thing it is a spray pool for Irving.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they did talk about it at one point, but it changed.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that it changed into a regular pool with a nice beachfront entrance.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated with some bells and whistles.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated with lots of bells in whistles like Cedar Beach.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he is glad it will remain a large scale pool.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that the community needs it.

Ms. Candida Affa stated right here on the draft it had Irving Spray Park.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that she does not know what Ms. Affa is looking at.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that it was the budget for the Covid funds for \$400,000.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated it says a Spray Park for the ARPA money, but it is a pool with bells and whistles like Cedar Beach.

Mr. Joshua Siegel asked if the city anticipates the pool being finalized in time for next summer.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that is the plan.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated if weather permits.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that we will see how long of a winter we will have. That is the goal to have it all ready for the summer.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that all he ask is that they do a lot better then Cedar Beach pool.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that she is confident.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that you don't want 10 Change Orders. He was there and it was a nightmare.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that we still have to pay taxes. Any further comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30296

[15-4590](#)

R152

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services Penn Credit Corporation for the Collection of delinquent Residential and Commercial Trash and Recycling Fees and Emergency Medical Services Fees The collection of delinquent fees on behalf of the City of Allentown for the Bureau of Revenue and Audit, the Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste,

and Emergency Medical Services.

**Attachments:** [R152 Penn Credit](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as a rebid 2021-32. It was advertised on Public Purchase and access by 17 vendors and the city received three responses. After the review of the submissions, the department would like to reward Penn Credit Corporation. This is a cost neutral contract and we have successfully done business with this vendor before. They are actually our current vendor now.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30297

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-4626](#) September 8, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [September 8, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

[15-4580](#) September 15, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [September 15, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

## Communications

### Proclamation Presentation: Alan Jennings

Mr. Alan Jennings thanked the Mayor and Council. He stated that they picked a lot of fights and took on the slum landlords and beat them. We took on realtors and beat them. We took on the banks and beat them, but we are still not beating poverty. He stated that it frustrates him. He gets all the accolades and appreciates them very much, but he has to tell them the measurable for somebody who fights poverty is the poverty rate has not come down. He has lots of reasons for it. One of which New York and New Jersey affordable housing program is called Pennsylvania. People coming from there to come here and we get the poor folks and the well to do go out to Bethlehem Township and Lower Macungie Township. These fights are never going to end unless we really tackle poverty in a significant way. We can't go 10 years without an increase in minimum wage and expect people to somehow keep up with what's going on out there. These are the battles

that we have to fight. What worries him these days are that the fights are getting ugly. We don't have people taking sides because they have a different perspective on what makes the community a better place. They take sides because they hate the other side. Because they don't have any respect for other people. In his opinion, the other side is a worse than the other. He said it has been a pleasure working with all of you. You can't solve problems if you can't agree on the facts. In these days, you can't get people to bring out the facts or the truth. How are you going to take on these problems and figure out how to solve them and you can't agree on what the facts are. He stated that he thought he was going to die with his boots on and unfortunately Parkinson's has taken him out further than he intended. he asked them to continue to pick these fights and make sure we wage these fights properly and responsibly to win. We will all be better off when the least of these are elevated to a better place in our world. He thanked all of them for their support and wishes that he could go back during the times he failed with them and say remember what you said, but he can't do that because he is not Michael J. Fox in Back to the Future. Thanks to all of you. You are making Allentown a better place. Thank you for all your support.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Jennings and stated that Ms. Affa said and it is very true. Many people when they ask for a raise usually. They sometimes get it and sometimes don't, but they want more and more money. In Mr. Jennings position, he was on the board and was the first board joined ever. It was CACLV back in 1989. Mr. Jennings was not even Executive Director. He was Assistant or Deputy Executive Director. It was a lady that moved to Washington, DC and that is when he joined the board. He became the vice president of the board on several occasions and actually used to do Mr. Jennings evaluations several times and one of the times he was doing his evaluation with the president at that time and she used to work for Josh Early, Rose Craig. She said to him, look we have to give him a raise and he stated that Mr. Jennings did not want a raise. We were both fighting to give him a raise and he would refuse the raise. That type of person is Mr. Alan Jennings and we took on a lot of things, including the banking industry. He talked to Mr. Jennings this morning when they developed this CRA Advisory Board. We were in three banks at the same time. We were able to change a lot of things to help a lot of people. He thanked Mr. Jennings for what he has done for the community.

[15-4613](#) Act 205 MMO Reporting Requirement

**Attachments:** [MMO Police Pension Plan](#)  
[MMO Firemen's Pension Plan](#)  
[MMO Officers & Employees' Pension Plan](#)  
[MMO PMRS Pension Plan](#)

**Old Business**

Mr. Julio Guridy stated Act 205 MMO Reporting Requirement.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that you received these things on September 29 or September 30. This is just acknowledging that you received them on time. If the public wants to take a look at them, the MMO's are there.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:****Committee of the Whole:**

There will be a Committee of the Whole on October 13 at 5:30 PM to discuss approaches and expenditures relating to the American Rescue Plan.

**Budget Meetings:**

The Budget Schedule is currently being circulated. We are expected to receive the budget on October 18th; and the mayor is scheduled to give a presentation prior to the October 20th Council meeting.

**Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Mota**

The committee met this evening; the next meeting has not been scheduled.

**CEDC: Chair, Gerlach, Guridy, Affa**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 6 PM.

**Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Affa, Mota, Zucal**

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

**Parks and Recreation: Chair Hendricks, Gerlach, Siegel**

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 5 PM.

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

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

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

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

**Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Guridy, Mota, Hendricks**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

[15-4643](#) Controller Reports

**Attachments:** [AR +10 Public Works](#)  
[AR -10 HR Revised](#)

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**[15-4438](#) Bill 68

Amending Article 180B, Council of Youth, by modifying the composition of the board by changing the provision that five members shall be adults and be representative of youth organizations, interests or advocacy to eight and that the Department of Police designate a non-voting designee to the Council.

The recommendation from the Council of Youth was to increase adult members by one to six; and to increase the youth members from 6 to 8.

**Sponsors:** Guridy, Hendricks, Mota, Administration, Mr. Zucal and Affa

**Attachments:** [Bill 68 Council of Youth Amendment](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that there was a motion made to put to the full Council, 2 - 0. Mr. Siegel was not able to be there. He had an earlier appointment.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were comments from the dais.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she is reading the Council of Youth's recommendation. There was a meeting and they unanimously chose to make an amendment in a way. She would be interested to see what everyone's thoughts are on that. It seems like a good point of compromise. The committee with two members that were present were youth would like to increase the number of youth to be eight and the number of adults to be a total of six which mean there will be more youth of the Council of Youth. The adults will still get an extra person. She stated that it seems like a good compromise, but she does not know how everyone else feels.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated just to be clear. To increase the Youth members from six to eight. There will be eight youth and how many adults.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated six. We have five now.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated six.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he said his peace before. He would like more youth. The issue is to get them here and have them attend the meetings.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that the key is that it should be more youth than adults. There are, but if you continue to go from five to six, five to eight, six to 10 and six to 12 when you have a meeting you are not going to get anything done. He stated that 14 people is very manageable. The adults are good solid people and we are getting good solid people for the youth. We have the Percy Ruhe award winners. He will bring their application to Council along with one more adult. You can talk about numbers, but it is time to say we got it we have a meeting and we are moving forward.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked Mayor O'Connell to keep in mind how the community is represented to make sure everybody has representation.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated with the five adults we have a good mix and with another addition will be part of that new mix in Allentown.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he does not have to tell Mayor O'Connell that 54 percent of the community is Hispanic.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he is very much aware of that.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she wants to know how diverse is this Council of Youth when it comes to the adults.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that we have Fred Montgomery, Knoxley Sams, Ed White, Phoebe Harris and Oscar Ortiz.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that there is one Hispanic, three African Americans, and one White.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that there are three youth on the commission at this point and all three youth are Latino.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that in their committee it was discussed that one of them would have to make a motion to accept the recommendation from the Council of Youth.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the previous vote.

**A motion was made by Ce-Ce Gerlach, seconded by Joshua Siegel, that this Bill be amended to Accept the Recommendation of the Council of Youth to increase adult members by one to six; and to increase the youth members from 6 to 8..**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15748



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Enactment No: 15748

[15-4536](#)

Bill 84

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$50,128.13) from the Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) for tuition and salary reimbursement from Act 120 Training to be used to purchase duty weapons and holsters for new hire Patrolmen.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 84 Police MPOETC Funds](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it passed 3 - 0. It was recommended favorably to full Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15749

[15-4539](#)

Bill 85

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eight Thousand Ninety-Four Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$8,094.20) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown EMS Department to purchase video laryngoscope devices.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 85 OFSC EMS GRANT](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was passed favorably to full Council, 3 - 0.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15750

[15-4542](#)

Bill 87

Providing for the vacation of Mason Street from the centerline of South Fourth Street to the centerline of South Jute Street in the Nineteenth Ward

of the City of Allentown.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 87 Mason Street from South Fourth Street to South Jute Street](#)

[Mason Street Vacation Staff Report](#)

[Letter from Irene Woodward from Planning Department regarding Mason Street from East Side of S. 4th Street to West Side of Jute Street - Street vacation](#)

[Mason Street Vacation Staff Report](#)

[Mason Street from East Side of S. 4th Street to West Side of Jute Street Picture](#)

[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Mason Street from East Side of S. 4th Street to West Side of Jute Street](#)

[Mason Street from the centerline of South Fourth Street to the centerline of South Jute Street Labels](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was sent favorably 3 - 0.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15751

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Does Council or the Public have any comments on these items collectively or would Council like to remove any of the items?**

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

[15-4571](#)

R153

Mike Taylor, Electricians Examining Board, 01-24-2023 (Reappointment)

**Attachments:** [R153 Reappointment Electricians Examining Board - Mike Taylor](#)

[Mike Taylor, Electricians Examining Board, 01-24-2023](#)

Enactment No: 30298

[15-4593](#)

R154

Peter Kleckner, Noise Control Hearing Board, 01-01-2022 (Replacing John Page)

**Attachments:** [R154 Peter Kleckner, Noise Control Hearing Board, 01-01-2022](#)

[Peter Kleckner, Noise Control Hearing Board, 01-01-2022](#)

Enactment No: 30299

[15-4594](#)

R155

R. Scott Unger, Noise Control Hearing Board, 01-02-2026

**Attachments:** [R155 R. Scott Unger, Noise Control Hearing Board, 01-02-2026](#)  
[R. Scott Unger, Noise Control Hearing Board, 01-02-2026](#)

Enactment No: 30300

[15-4609](#)

R156

Captain Michael Becker, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals,  
04-19-2022, Alternate

**Attachments:** [R156 Captain Michael Becker, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2022](#)  
[Captain Michael Becker, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2022](#)

Enactment No: 30301

[15-4610](#)

R157

Sgt. Mark Holubek, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2023  
(Replacing Sgt. Justin Motz), Alternate

**Attachments:** [R157 Sgt. Mark Holubek, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2023](#)  
[Sgt. Mark Holubek, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2023](#)

Enactment No: 30302

[15-4611](#)

R158

Thomas Williams, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2025  
(Represent Leonard Lightner, Director of Community and Economic Development)

**Attachments:** [R158 Thomas Williams, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2025](#)  
[Thomas Williams, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2025](#)

Enactment No: 30303

[15-4612](#)

R159

Kelly McElroy, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2023  
(Replacing Bob Sandt)

**Attachments:** [R159 Kelly McElroy, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2024](#)  
[Kelly McElroy, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2023](#)

Enactment No: 30304

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

[15-4631](#)

R160  
Appointment of Three Police Officers

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R160 Appoints 3 Patrol Officers](#)

Captain James Gress stated before Council tonight are three applicants for final approval. The first is Anderson Glaude. He is a current Harrisburg full-time police officer. He is on the Bill 66 list. He is of Haitian descent and speaks fluent Creole. The second one is Yisleidy Vargas. She is a full-time officer in Reading City and very fluent in Spanish and from the Dominican Republic. The third one is Pablo Santana was born and raised in Cumberland Gardens. He attended Roberto Clemente. He graduated from a four year school with a degree in New Jersey. He still currently resides in Cumberland Gardens. He will be attending the Police Academy in the next class and anxious to come aboard.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that is a good candidate.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he is a real good basketball player too. He played for LCCC.

Captain James Gress stated that it will help them reach their complement budget of 222. It will help the Police Department work towards that goal.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

Ms. Candida Affa asked how many officers now.

Captain James Gress stated that they are working towards the 222.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he thinks it is about 219.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that at one time we did have 222.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she thought the Police Department did have 222 just a while ago.

Chief Charles Roca stated that it is important to grow the department and we invest in public safety. We want to make sure we build these relationships and these fine officers that want to come to our department. It speaks on how the Allentown Police Department is. We have other officers from other jurisdictions wanting to be a part of the city of Allentown.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he truly appreciates someone coming from and

stated that he grew up in the housing projects himself when he came to the United States. Someone coming from Cumberland Gardens and being able to become a police officer gives us hope that a lot of things can happen to people.

Captain James Gress stated that they got a chance to meet his family and his mother.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that is awesome.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she understands that it is harder and harder for police officers and you are not getting as many applicants as you did in the past. She asked if these applicants are vetted between the Police Department and HR.

Chief James Gress stated jointly. The Police Department has a background procedure that they do and there are steps that involve Human Resources as well.

Chief Charles Roca stated that there are some challenges. Obviously, we went through a period in United States for police and law enforcement. We are going to remain true to our values. We will do it with the community. We are encouraging people that want to do the right thing to come to Allentown Police Department and be part of its process. We welcome anybody you might have. Bill 66 list right now has a bunch of candidates.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she understands between making sure and vetting them properly and the psychological part and really basic training is something that our department is good at. Congratulations on the hard work you do to get us good recruits and recognizing we need more people of color, Spanish and women. It only helps our department. She thanked Chief Roca for working as hard as he does for that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Chief Roca of the last 30 officers hired, at least 50 percent where in fact a minority group members.

Chief Charles Roca stated that is a good assessment. He does not have a true count. He stated that they are diversifying and hitting one of the major needs. Not only increasing the diversity of the candidate, but also the female officers coming on the department.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that ever since she has starting on City Council she has been asking for females and more diversity. She stated that she likes what she is seeing. She said thank you for doing that and listening and open minded.

Chief Charles Roca stated that this is a partnership and a collaboration. The pieces of the puzzle. If we work together, we are going to get through it.

Mr. James Whitney, 924 Walnut Street, thanked the new police officers for their service. The citizens really appreciate everything that they do for us every single day. He stated that they know that this is not just a career that they choose, but a calling on your life that you answer. We appreciate that you guys have the bravery to answer that call and to do this job with so much integrity and professionalism.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any other comments.

**Yes:** 5 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

**No:** 2 - Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30305

[15-4634](#)

R161

Authorizes Submission of a Formal Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a Grant of FIVE THOUSAND Dollars (\$5,000.00) to support surveillance cameras for the Police Department.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R161 Police LSA Grant](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if this was in Ms. Mota's committee.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated yes.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated this is being introduced.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that this is an introduction right now.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Council is going to vote on it now. He asked if there were any comments from the administration.

Captain James Gress stated that the Police Department has a new lobby that is almost complete. He requested all of them to come down and see it. It is coming along and will be great. For the first time in the Allentown Police history, they will have an address of 425 Hamilton Street. The new lobby was built by Building Maintenance and they did a sensational job.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked how do you get there through Hamilton.

Captain James Gress from Hamilton with parking right in front. Come up the steps and the courtyard is all finished and very nice. He stated that he was talking to Ms. El-Chaar regarding the improvements out there. This grant will allow them to install a few cameras and get lighting out there. There is no real lighting in that area. This is from Representative Schweyer's office.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30306

[15-4632](#)

R162

Authorizes application submission of \$500,000 from the PA Community and Economic Development CDBG-CV 2021 Grant

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R162 CDBG-CV Grant Application](#)

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that the state contacted us that there is additional funding at the state. The city is looking at applying for this additional funding for housing projects, housing development and also some homeless.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Lighter and asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30307

[15-4627](#)

R163

Approves Transfer: \$210,000.00 in Parks and Recreation which is Required for the Demolition of Irving Pool.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R163 \\$210,000.00 in Parks and Recreation which is Required for the Demolition of Irving Pool](#)  
[Transfer for the Demolition of Irving Pool](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if that in addition to R151.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that R151 authorizes the total. This \$210,000 goes toward the total of R151.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any other questions from the dais or the public.

**A motion was made by Cynthia Mota, seconded by Ed Zucal, that R163 be taken out of order and vote on it.**

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30295

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30295

[15-4573](#)

R164

Approves: \$50,000 in CED to Move Funds to the Correct Account; \$40,000 in CED – Special Events/LIP Needed to Create a 40 Account in Special Events and To Add More Funds to the 40 Account in Lights in the Parkway; \$36,000 in CED to Purchase Lights in the Parkway Ornaments to Sell Commemorating Lights in the Parkway's 25th Anniversary; \$34,801.00 in Parks and Recreation to Purchase Trash Cans for the Parks and Ventrac Attachments (Flail Mower and Sickle Bar) for the Maintenance of the Parks; \$16,740.00 in Recreation for the New Lights needed to be Installed at Percy Ruhe Park.

**Attachments:** [R164 Transfer Funds](#)

[To Purchase Trash Cans for the Parks and Ventrac Attachments for the Maintenance of the Parks](#)  
[New Lights Needs To Be Installed At Percy Ruhe Park](#)

[Create a 40 Account in Special Events For More Funds For Lights In The Parkway](#)

[To Purchase Lights In the Parkway Ornaments To Sell Commemorating Lights in the Parkway's 25th Anniversary](#)  
[Need To Move Funds To The Correct Account](#)

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that as part of the Transfers process all Transfers cross his desk. He reviews each one and look at the accounts. If he has any questions, he will speak to the Program Manager or the Department Director. Whatever his questions are they re generally answered and he feels confident signing the Transfers and passing it on for Council's eventual approval. Whenever he like the Transfer or does not like the Transfer, he needs to sign the Transfer because his part of the process. He needs to sign it to help to move along. There are two Transfers that he had questions on and his questions were not answered to his satisfaction with enough details or not answered at all. It raises some questions. The first Transfer in question is a multiple part Transfer. We did not print Adventure Allentown this year and CED decided to split the Transfer. They want \$20,000 to establish is a Account 40. It is contribution to nonprofits



and Special Events. For the Halloween parade stipends for community groups, high and middle school bands were paid out of. What are we spending this money on because in the 46 Account in Special Events they already budgeted \$19,000 for the Halloween Parade. They are looking at a total of \$39,000 for the Halloween Parade. We paid for two floats to make this a great parade for \$6,400. Within the 46 there is another \$20,000 that has not yet been spent. The Note he sent to CD is on the back. There is a second Transfer that he questioned. In the CD administration section in the 46 was money that Council asked to appropriated to help the homeless. To this point, none of the money has been spent and the department is asking to take \$24,000 and spend it on Christmas Tree Ornaments commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Lights in the Parkway. He asked how many ornaments will be purchased, the cost and expected retail amount, where they will be available for sale, how will the customers pay: cash or fair harbor.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Glazier and stated that he is right. Most Transfers are usually signed without any major issues. He asked the administration to respond to the comments made by Mr. Glazier.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated to Mr. Guridy, you ask the questions and we will respond to your questions.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that there was money taken from the \$100,000 that was requested to be taken for the allocation to the homeless. Some of the money, CD will be purchasing some ornaments.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that is not in the information at all. There was nothing mentioned for \$100,000 and money was taken from the homeless. Mr. Glazier has every right as a Controller to ask questions, and make comments. All these Transfers were signed by department Directors, then Mr. Glazier and finally by him. Everything was done legally, there was no fraud, there was no malicious intent to deceive anybody.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he did not hear anybody that anything was illegal.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that they did an LSR. Exactly what Mr. Glazier has done is exactly what his job is to do is to ask questions and make comments.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she agrees with Mr. Guridy. She is confused. It says \$100,000 specifically for the homeless would reduce the amount to address the \$76,000. She stated that you are taking money from the homeless to buy ornaments to sell. If we sell these ornaments and make a

profit from these ornaments, does it go back into the homeless fund.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated no.

Mr. Leonard Lightner asked is he answering questions or the Controller. He stated no. It goes back to the General Fund. We are talking about R164. It does not talk about \$100,000 for the Homeless. The 46 Account has several different line items in there. We do zero balance budgeting. At the end of the year, we don't spend the \$100,000, it goes back into the General Fund. He stated that they are at this point right now. They received Covid money and put over \$500,000 into housing and homeless. He and Ms. Gerlach talked about the larger plan for the homeless. We are not at the point yet for the acquisition of the building. The money that is sitting in the 46 Account will go back to the General Fund. He stated that Council gave him a budget at the beginning of the year. Council approved the budget and he operates within that budget. When you are talking about the \$100,000, you are taking one line item from that 46 Account from the homeless. We are not taking from the homeless. We are utilizing the money that is in there and put \$500,000 back towards the homeless from our other funds. We are applying for another \$500,000 and on top of that we have \$3.5 million. We are not taking away from any homeless or housing. Yes, the ornaments will be sold and there will be a profit, but the money does go back to the General Fund.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that Mr. Lightner mentioned in Account 46 there are other line items in addition to the homeless. What are some of the others?

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that the 46 account is a Contract Account. There could be several different things in there when we are talking about contracting.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that we are seeing a paper that is saying that the money is coming from specifically the \$100,000 from the homeless.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that this is Mr. Glazier's paper. He does not have the budget book in front of him to get that line item.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he will be happy to address it.

Mr. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that they all need clarification. If it is Account 46 with a general amount of money and it is being taken from a general amount of money that is one thing. If there is a way specifically it is taken from the allocation to the homeless, that is a whole other issue.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that in that account there were four priorities, four line items that Council agreed to. Paying for a Solicitor for Human Relations Commission per ordinance, an architectural engineering firm, the homeless - \$100,000 that Council authorized specifically by amendment, and the Human Relations Commission Investigator. The Investigator was taken out of this account and put into an 04 which is a better place for it. It is a personnel account. No architectural and engineering design costs were incurred here. They did pay some money for relocation for imminent domain. There was some money taken out of this account for a media person, about \$4,500 was transferred out during the course of the year. That leaves the retainer for the Solicitor, Architectural and Engineering and the Homeless. There is only \$112,000 left in this account at the moment. You can quiver over how much should be for the homeless or not. You guys passed the amendment for \$100,000. The proposal is to transfer \$36,000 from the account. That will leave you less than the amount you proposed.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that if you are going to say specifically appropriated. You specifically appropriated a retainer, the engineer. When we do the budget, the line item is a 46 account. This is not anything that is new. It has been done for years prior to Leonard. Look where we are at. We are in October. It is a 46 Account. It is Contract Services. We are not going to Contract with anyone from now to November. We do it all the time. It is zero base budgeting. We are not doing anything that will harm the homeless. Don't paint the picture that we are taking from the homeless. We are taking it from the 46 Account. If you don't want the parade, we can nix the parade. He stated that his boss which is the Mayor and you approved the budget last year that they were going to do a parade. This parade has been going on for years. Cost has gone up and volunteerism has gone down. Stipends have been paid to the parades for years. This is not new. This Report is a Report. We have not done anything illegal, immoral, or unethical.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he does not believe anyone alluded to that. This is not something that Council came across. This was brought here today.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated let's put aside what accounts they are being taken out of. In 2019, you spent roughly \$8,000. They already had \$19,000 proposed in the budget this year with a balance of \$12,000 and now they are asking for another \$20,000. That is almost 3 1/2 times of what it was.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that is. Costs have gone up. We have talked about this before. He stated that they wanted to provide more safeguards. They are trying to do things that will elevate the level of what they are providing to the citizens.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked is there anywhere else we can get the funds from other than these accounts.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that if he pulled it out of a 24 Account, Mr. Glazier would say he pulled it out. It does not matter what account he pulled it out of. Right now, no. We are not going to do anything with that money this year for the homeless.

Ms. Candida Affa about the stipends. How do you calculate how much you are giving to the nonprofits. Are you giving them an estimate.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that they provide the city with an invoice. The bands get \$400 and we decided to increase that because we needed some more bands. The floats is provided with their invoice of what is going to cost.

Ms. Candida Affa stated thank you. You have down to the penny what you want to spend for all of the above. You mentioned Macy's parade. She stated that she is not sure if it cost so much for Macy's.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that it does.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it cost a lot of money and they get a lot of private money too.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked what is the estimate at this time of what you think it is going to cost for the parade. Would it be reasonable of \$20,000, double of what you paid last year.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that he does not have the numbers in front of him, but can provide that. He stated that his Program Manager that he trust completely and who answered Mr. Glazier's questions and answered his questions several times.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that there was no Halloween parade in 2020.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated to clarify this, we are not taking money from the homeless. The remaining of those funds will go back to the General Fund.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated no, we do not. We stated that we were going to give \$100,000 for the homeless. We don't have a contract with them. We don't have anything set or a contract or an invoice or requisition. Every year, if we do not use the money, it goes back to the General Fund.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that instead of \$100,000, it would be \$76,000. When that budget season comes and someone wanted to take some of that money that was left and put back and put more. It would be \$76,000.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that if that is what you wanted to do. You have to do it with your amendment process.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Council can do what they want, just amend it.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked why these ornaments.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that this is the 25th anniversary. We used to have ornaments with Lights in the Parkway all the time. We stopped producing the ornaments since he has been here. This is the 25th year. We are acknowledging the 25th Year.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked how much are you expecting the generate.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that he just got the quote from the vendor. We have not decided if we are going to do 5,000 or 10,000. It is \$5 to produce them and the city is thinking about selling them for \$10 or \$15. You ask us to find ways to sustain our program. This is a way to add more money to the revenue line to help Lights in the Parkway.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked who is going to be selling these ornaments.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that it is going to be sold when they buy their tickets. When they come and scan their ticket at the booth, they will get their ornament at the same time. Just like last year, all the tickets are purchased online.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she 100 percent trust Mr. Lightner. She is also reading this, and she is looking at some of the items in Account 46 and it seems as though they have been spent. The money that is left was the money the city allocated for the homeless population. She understands that the money will go back into the General Fund because we don't have a contract dedicated to the homeless population and spending some of it and less is going back to the General Fund for ornaments.

Mr. Leonard Lightner asked if he pulled the money from another account would that make you feel more comfortable.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that is what Mr. Zucal has suggested.

Mr. Leonard Lightner asked if they are fine if he can pull it from another

account.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if that is the thing that is making people weary. She knows it is making her weary.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that he will find somewhere.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she agrees with Ms. Gerlach. Let's find the money elsewhere.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that the 46 Account is the 46 Account. There was other funds as well.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he trust Mr. Lightner just as much as other people do. We set aside \$100,000 for the homeless. His only question will be DDED never thought or effort to use that money to contract. We set the money aside with the intent to contract with someone. Within that year of time, no situation presented itself.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated remember we received all the money for Covid. We were spending Covid money to house them and put them in a hotel. We were using the Covid dollars at first because we had to expend that money. Yes, we did have left over money in our General Account. We did not need to tap into that money yet.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that the issue here is perhaps more of the appearance or the image that could be misinterpreted or misinformed. We are trying to deprive one group in order to fund something else. We are not robbing Peter to pay Paul. There is a value in investing in our pubic events.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated to Mr. Siegel that R162 is a half a million more for the homeless.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that the intention is to up the caliber of our Halloween parade. Obviously, we are going to continue to invest in the homeless. It is important that we are objective of how we talk about how we spent our money.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that when you look at R164, it does not state anything about the homeless. That came out form the memo. He will try to find the money elsewhere.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked how much money is available in Account 46.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that when he goes to the office tomorrow, he

will find it and make the change.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he does not know if everyone looked at the R164. At the bottom of it, there are funds that are being asked to be changed from Parks and Recreation. If it is possible from the beginning down to the 25th Anniversary to table that until we can get a different avenue from Mr. Lightner and move to approve the remaining under R164.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that they will pull the transfer related to the ornaments.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she is stuck on the almost \$40,000 for the parade.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he can address some of Ms. Affa's questions. He thinks it is fair to say.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it is bordering on ridiculous.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he takes Mayor O'Connell's comments and say that it is correct. This is ridiculous. Had his questions been answered in a timely manner by the Director, we probably would not be here today. Ms. Affa's question on what we are getting for \$30,000 is fair. We still don't know. The Director has said the band stipends have gone up \$400. Typically, we get the four middle schools to march if they have bands. The two high schools to march if they have bands. That six times \$400 is \$2,400 bucks. In 2019, we spent \$8,000 total on all your stipends. Even if you double it, you are at 16. Mr. Lightner is correct. They have made some great investments. The two balloons are coming out of a rental account. It is not coming out of this account. There is a Cat in the Hat and the other Seuss character are rentals. The sphere in 72 account is something with Allentown's new logo.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that somehow you have to talk about what you have to do before Council. We are not here to be mediators. You are wasting our time.

Mr. James Whitney stated that he wants to recognize that there was so obviously from his perspective nothing sinister going on here. Was there a suggestion from the dais on how we can spend the \$100,000. Was that money proposed to be spent then it wasn't. That is the failure of all of us that we have not found a way to spend that money. We can go down to Costco's and buy some wool socks and give it to the Clean Team. We could spend that money. We did not spend that. If you want to see a \$50,000 Halloween parade go to Emmaus.

Mr. Tom Houck, 845 N. 18th Street, piggybacked on Mr. Whitney's comments. It is embarrassing as a citizen watching this bickering going on. As the president said, it should not be happening here. He stated that WFMZ recently acknowledged the city's Lights in the Parkway as being one of the main attractions for eastern Pennsylvania. The did a whole segment on how our Lights in the Parkway is attracting people in the city.

**A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Ce-Ce Gerlach, to take out three Transfers \$50,000 in CED to Move Funds to the Correct Account; \$40,000 in CED - Special Events/LIP Needed to Create a 40 Account in Special Events and To Add More Funds to the 40 Account in Lights in the Parkway; \$36,000 in CED to Purchase Lights in the Parkway Ornaments to Sell Commemorating Lights in the Parkway's 25th Anniversary. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30308

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30308

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

### [15-4622](#)

Bill 90 CEDC, forwarded favorably

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twelve Dollars and Ten Cents (\$282,512.10) in Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), unspent funds for the January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 grant year, for housing and community development programs pursuant to the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations. The monies are received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 90 CDBG Unspent Funds](#)  
[Ordinance #15753](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15753

[15-4587](#)

Bill 91 Public Safety, this evening  
Amending Article 531 Stopping, Standing, and Parking by adding Article 531.99 N Tampering with Boots and Other Devices Prohibited by creating a penalty for tampering or removing any device used to immobilize a motor vehicle that has been booted or who shall move or attempt to move the vehicle booted before official release of the vehicle.

**Sponsors:** Affa and Hendricks

**Attachments:** [Bill 91 Boot Tampering](#)  
[Ordinance #15754](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

## REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15754

[15-4588](#)

Bill 92 Public Safety, this evening  
Amending Article 531, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 531.99 Notice of Violation; Waiver (H) by deleting a provision that states that in default of payment of fine and costs, someone could be imprisoned not more than ten days.

**Sponsors:** Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

**Attachments:** [Bill 92 Deletes imprisonment provision for non-payment of penalties](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

## REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-4591](#)

Bill 93  
Amending Article 171 Code of Ethics adding ARTICLE 171.15 CAMPAIGN FINANCE LIMITATIONS ENFORCEMENT, empowering the Ethics Board to enforce Campaign Finance Limitations.

**Sponsors:** Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

**Attachments:** [Bill 93 Ethics Board and Campaign Finance](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

Mr. James Whitney stated that we just had a blow up on not of actions, but

the appearance of these actions. How does it appear and how does it make us look that we want to empower an Ethics Board with no one on it. What want to empower the Ethics Board to empower campaign finance limitations. That is absolutely ridiculous to empower a board with no one on it. The people that want to sponsoring this legislation wants you to believe that they want people to add to that so we can have a full Ethics Board, but these same politicians don't want a full complement of Police Officers. Why are we supposed to trust them that they would want a full Ethics Board at some point. It is absolutely ridiculous.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Whitney and asked anybody else from the public.

#### REFERRED TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

[15-4628](#)

Bill 94 Parks and Recreation, forwarded favorably Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Five-Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$599.87) from Capital Project 2201 – Pool and Spray Parks to Capital Project 2206 – Jordan Creek Greenway Trail.

**Attachments:** [Bill 94 JORDAN CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL TRANSFER](#)  
[Ordinance #15755](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

#### REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15755

[15-4630](#)

Bill 95 Refer to Public Safety - There is a request to vote on this tonight and waive the 14 days between introduction and final passage provided the bill passes with 6 votes - amendment would be needed. Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) as a result from a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program to the Allentown Fire Department to provide funds which will be utilized for all costs associated with the appliance and furnishing related costs for the Fire Academy Public Safety Training and EOC building.

I move to amend Bill 95 by adding the following as Section Five the bill:

Section Five: That Pursuant to Section 218 of the Home Rule Charter and by the affirmative vote of six of seven members the 14 day period between

introduction and passage of this ordinance is hereby eliminated.

#### SECTION 218 FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

A minimum of fourteen days must intervene between introduction and passage of an ordinance unless Council finds and declares a public emergency posing a sudden, clear and present danger to life or property. However, Council may by the affirmative vote of six of its seven members reduce or eliminate the fourteen day period between introduction and passage of any ordinance.

**Attachments:** [Bill 95 DCED FIRE ACADEMY GRANT](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

#### REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it is Council's call, but the administration supports Mr. Zucal's amendment.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

Mr. Christian Williams, Deputy Fire Chief, stated that he just wants to give a background. They put in a grant to the Leary Foundation. It is a nonprofit. We found out that we did not get that grant. The grant was for materials to help them outfit the Public Safety Training Facility. When they found out they were unsuccessful with that grant, we later found out from Peter Schweyer's office that they had \$10,000 available from the state. We had to move quickly on that to apply for the grant. He stated that they appreciates Council support.

**A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Daryl Hendricks, that this Bill be amended Pursuant to Section 218 of the Home Rule Charter and by the affirmative vote of six of seven members the 14 day period between introduction and passage of this ordinance is hereby eliminated.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15752

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15752

[15-4629](#) Bill 96 Parks and Recreation, forwarded favorably  
Amending the 2021 Golf Fund budget by transferring Thirty-Two Thousand (\$32,000) from the unappropriated balance of the Golf Fund to Account 50 – Other Service and Charges – to provide for credit card fees.

**Attachments:** [Bill 96 GOLF COURSE CREDIT CARD FEES](#)  
[Ordinance #15756](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15756

[15-4624](#) Bill 97 CEDC, forwarded favorably  
An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of Three Million Four Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-Nine (\$3,496,829.00) Dollars in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds for the fiscal year 2021 to September 2030, for American Rescue Plan (ARP) program pursuant to the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations. The monies are received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 97 CDBG - COVID - HOME - ARP](#)  
[Ordinance #15757](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15757

[15-4608](#) Bill 98 CEDC, forwarded favorably  
An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-Nine (\$53,359.00) Dollars in Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)- COVID CARES funds for the period of July 21, 2021 to July 13, 2022, as appropriate by Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations for the Warming Station..

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 98 CDBG Warming Shelter Accounts](#)  
[Ordinance #15758](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15758

[15-4633](#)

Bill 99 Refer to Human Resources, Administration and Appointments AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT AN ORDINANCE CODIFICATION FOR THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN, COUNTY OF LEHIGH, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; TO SAVE FROM REPEAL CERTAIN OTHER LEGISLATION NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR TAMPERING WITH THE CODE.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Zucal, Guridy and Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 99 APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT AN ORDINANCE CODIFICATION](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

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

[15-4625](#)

R165 Approves the Submission of an amendment to the Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R165 CDBG HOME ARP](#)  
[Resolution #30322](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 30322

[15-4623](#)

R166

Approves the Submission of an amendment to the 2021 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R166 Action Plan Reallocation](#)  
[Resolution #30323](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 30323

[15-4586](#)

R167

Authorizes expenditure of funds to hire a consultant to conduct a disparity study and make recommendations on the City's procurement process inclusive of ensuring access by minority and women owned business.

**Sponsors:** Gerlach, Mota and Mr. Siegel

**Attachments:** [R167 Authorizes Disparity Study RFP](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he thinks there is money from the ARPA Funds for that. That should help us out.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

Ms. Candida Affa made a statements on ornaments and homeless. She agrees with Mr. Whitney and Mr. Houck, but they have to understand something, the seven of them have a responsibility to the taxpayers. Even Mr. Lightner, we all want this city to be just right. We are proud of the Lights in the Parkway. We are not against the ornaments or the parades, but when we scrutinize. You are lucky you have a Council that scrutinizes every penny, every detail and a Controller. This is our job. It may look like we are bickering, we don't know what we are talking about, they are not communicating, but we do. We always constantly worry about the taxpayer.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments.

Mayor Ray O'Connell started that he got a letter from the White House this afternoon. The First Lady Jill Biden will be visiting Allentown on Wednesday, October 13. More details to come.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they receive a letter from the Governor from Pennsylvania also. Because we have 118,000 to 125,000 people we can be designated to a 2A Class City. We are actually a Third Class City. We can be a Second Class City.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that is good.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that we are moving on up.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked everyone and stated that it is an issue because they works so hard to do the Census and the Census demonstrates we have a lot of people.

Mr. James Whitney responded to Ms. Affa and stated that they also know how difficult your job is. All he was trying to state that before we move on from that we all are on the same page when it comes to the fact that we want to help the homeless and want to have these great events. He appreciates everything Ms. Affa said as well. If we all cared about the citizens then we all should vote for our police officers.

Everyone wished Ed Zucal a Happy Birthday.

**ADJOURNED: 8:45 PM**

[15-4437](#)

Council Rules  
Home Rule Charter  
Contract Procedures

**Attachments:** [HOMERULE June 2021](#)

[Council Rules March 2021 Edition](#)

[Contract Procedures](#)