



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Please observe the Rules of Council when addressing the body. A full copy of Council Rules can be found at the end of this agenda.

Please observe the Rules of Council when addressing the body. There are multiple opportunities to address Council. Individuals can speak during Courtesy of the Floor (addressing items not on the agenda) and during Bills and Resolutions on Final Passage and Introduction.

If you would like to speak this evening, we are asking that you fill out a card – they are on the back table - and provide them to the clerk before speaking.

Please address the Council President. You are given privilege of the floor to provide public comment. This is a time to present comments, it is not a question-and-answer session. If you are speaking on behalf of yourself, you have three minutes and if you are speaking on behalf of a group that has several members present, you will be given five minutes - the idea being the entire group does not come up and make the same type of statement. Please be sure to state your name and address for the record and fill out a card.

Courtesy of the Floor is meant to provide public comment on items that are not on the agenda; Council will take all comments under advisement and have the appropriate officials get back to you if necessary. If you have materials for Council, please distribute it to the Clerk.

Public comment during consideration of ordinances, resolutions and motions is limited by topic – your comments must be relevant.

Council will not entertain personal insults or attacks, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose of conducting official business. Please address council as a body. Refrain from using offensive language, cursing, and making noises while other people are speaking. Act with decorum. Remove your hat and turn cell phones off.

Please be aware that comments and/or behavior in violation of these rules will result in a forfeiture of all remaining time and you will be asked to return to your seat.

Contract Approvals: There are no contracts for approval.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: There are no minutes for approval.

Communications

Old Business

REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Hendricks, Gerlach

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for October 31 at 6 PM - we will hear from the city auditors prior to looking at the budget.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Mota, Napoli, Affa

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled on October 25th at 6:30 PM and November 1st at 4:45 PM.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Santos, Zucal, Napoli

The Committee met has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for October 25th at 5:30 PM (with the caveat that the Information Services budget review will take place on October 31).

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Mota

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled on October 25th at 6 PM.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for November 1st at 5:45 PM.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Santos, Hendricks

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is November 1st at 5:15 PM.

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

The committee has not met since the last Council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Controller's Report (3 minutes)

Mayor's Report (3 minutes)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 89

Providing for the vacation of North Maxwell Street from the centerline of East Turner Street to the centerline of East Linden Street in the Fifteenth Ward of the City of Allentown.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 89 N Maxwell Street - Street Vacation Ordinance](#)
[N Maxwell Street - Street Vacation Report](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding North Maxwell Street from East Turner Street](#)
[Allentown City Planning Commission Action Letter for the Vacation of N. Maxwell Street](#)
[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding North Maxwell Street](#)
[N Maxwell Street from East Turner Street to East Linden Street Report](#)
[N. Maxwell Street from E. Turner to E Linden Street - Mailing Addresses](#)

Bill 90

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Six Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$650,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to support design and construction of the D&L Trail – Allentown Segment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 90 - D&L Trail DCNR Grant](#)

Bill 92

This ordinance corrects legislation previously passed placing the funds into appropriate accounts. The bill will reverse Ordinance 15886, and appropriate the ARPA money allocated for HDC-Mid Atlantic project to the correct expense account within the ARPA fund. The original Ordinance 15886 was passed and allocated One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to the 2023 General Fund DCED Director's budget. This does not allow for proper tracking and oversight of ARPA funding. The original intention of the Ordinance 15886 was to appropriate One Million \$1,000,000 Dollars for the 1528 West Hamilton St. Affordable Housing Project being developed by HDC-Mid Atlantic. These funds should be placed in the ARPA civic expenses account. 100% of the funds will be used to offset construction costs of the project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 92 - Corrects HDC Mid-Atlantic ARPA allocation](#)

CONSENT AGENDA**R167**

Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts: 619 N. Park St., 614 N. 5th St., 918 W. Chew St.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R167 HARB Resolution](#)
 [614 N 5th St Final Review](#)
 [619 N Park St Final Review](#)
 [918 W Chew St Final Review](#)

R168
Jessica L.Ambler, Arts Commission, 1-3-2026

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R168 Jessica Ambler - Arts Commission](#)
 [Memo from Mayor Tuerk regarding Jessica Ambler, Arts Commission, 1-3-2026](#)

R169
Victoria Beck, Arts Commission, 1-2-2027

Attachments: [R169 Victoria Beck - Arts Commission](#)
 [Memo from Mayor Tuerk regarding Victoria Beck, Arts Commission, 1-2-2027](#)

R170
Daniel Djuro Goiricelaya, Arts Commission, 1-2-2027

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R 170 Daniel Djuro Goiricelaya - Arts Commission](#)
 [Memo from Mayor Tuerk regarding Daniel Djuro Goiricelaya, Arts Commission,](#)

R171
Kyle L. Edwards, Arts Commission, 1-3-2026

Attachments: [R171 Kyle Edwards - Arts Commission](#)
 [Kyle Edwards, Arts Commission, 1-3-2026](#)

R172
Abigail Simmons, Arts Commission, 1-3-2026 (Replacing Max Weintraub)

Attachments: [R172 Abigail Simmons - Arts Commission](#)
 [Abigail Simmons, Arts Commission, 1-3-2026](#)

R173
Chris Giacobbe, Sheet Metal Licensing Board, 10-18-2028 (Replacing Jeff Erb)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R173 Chris Giacobbe - Sheet Metal Licensing Board](#)
 [Chris Giacobbe, Sheet Metal Licensing Board, 10-18-2028](#)

R174
Kyle Ropski, Environmental Advisory Council, 1-5-2026

Attachments: [R 174 Kyle Ropski - Environmental Advisory Council](#)
 [Memo from Mayor Tuerk regarding Kyle Ropski, Environmental Advisory Council](#)

R175

Carol Halper, Board of Ethics, 10-18-2026

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R175 Carol Halper - Board of Ethics](#)
[Memo from Mayor Tuerk regarding Carol Halper, Board of Ethics, 10-18-2026](#)

R176

Vicky Doulé, Commission on Homelessness, 10-18-2027

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R176 Vicky Doulé - Commission on Homelessness](#)
[Vicky Doulé, Commission on Homelessness, 10-18-2027](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R177

Authorizes the Administration to Sign a Lease with the Allentown Police Athletic League, Inc. for use of 2110 Park Drive, Allentown, Pennsylvania, 18103 and of the building adjacent thereto (hereafter called the "Building")

Attachments: [R 177 Lease with the Police Athletic League \(PAL\)](#)
[R PAL Lease Approval](#)

R178

Approves one transfer: (1) \$125,000.00 in Parks Maintenance for \$40,000.00 to be used to construct a Pole Barn located at the Fish Hatchery to be used for storage as required by the State Regulations and \$85,000.00 will be used for upgrades to the windows and doors at the West Park Band Shell.

Attachments: [R178 Transfer Funds](#)
[\\$40,000 Will Be Used to Construct a Pole Barn Located at the Fish Hatchery To](#)

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

Bill 93

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN TO ADD A NEW SECTION THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A NEW "MIXED USE OVERLAY" ZONING DISTRICT, AND THAT WOULD APPLY THIS NEW DISTRICT TO LAND FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY THE ALLENTOWN STATE HOSPITAL THAT IS SOUTH OF HANOVER AV., SOUTH OF E. ALLEN ST., SOUTH OF WAHNETA ST. EXTENDED, GENERALLY EAST OF MAXWELL ST. EXTENDED, NORTH OF RIVER DR., AND WEST OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM BORDER, AS DEPICTED IN MORE DETAIL ON AN ATTACHED MAP LABELED "EXHIBIT A", AND TO ADD CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

Attachments: [Bill 93 Allentown Mixed Use Overlay Zoning](#)
 [Legal Description of Proposed Mixed Use Overlay District \(1\)](#)
 [Redline - Allentown Mixed Use Overlay Zoning Draft 8 2 23 and Allentown Mixe](#)
 [Northridge - Allentown State Hospital Rezoning](#)

Bill 94

Providing for the vacation of Skyline Drive from the East property line of 501 Skyline Drive to its Western terminus in the Fifteenth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 94 Skyline Drive Street Vacation](#)
 [Skyline Drive Staff Report](#)
 [Portion of Skyline Drive Map - Street Vacation](#)
 [Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Portion of Skyline Drive - Street Vacation](#)
 [Allentown City Planning Commission Action Letter for the Vacation of N. Skyline](#)
 [Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding Skyline Drive Street \](#)
 [Skyline Drive from the East Property line of 501 Skyline Drive Report](#)

Bill 95 2024 BUDGET AND TAX RATE

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the General Fund, Administrative Order Fund, Risk Management Fund, Debt Service Fund, Equipment Fund, and Golf Fund Budgets for 2024.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill No. 95 2024 BUDGET AND TAX RATE](#)

Bill 96 2024 SOLID WASTE

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget for 2024 and amending Article 1131, Municipal Waste Storage, Collection and Disposal by increasing the Solid Waste Fee at Four Hundred and Ninety-Five (\$495) Dollars.

Attachments: [Bill No 96 2024 SOLID WASTE FUND AND FEE](#)

Bill 97 2024 LIQUID FUELS

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Liquid Fuels Fund Budget for 2024.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 97 2024 LIQUID FUELS](#)

Bill 98 2024 RENTAL UNIT FUND

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Rental Unit Licensing Fund Budget for 2024 and amending Article 1759 – Landlord and Rental Fee by maintaining the Residential Rental Fees.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 98 2024 RENTAL UNIT FUND](#)

Bill 99 2024 STORMWATER FUND AND FEE

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 99 2024 STORMWATER FUND AND FEE](#)

Bill 100 2024 TREXLER FUND

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Trexler Fund Budget for 2024.

Attachments: [Bill 100 2024 TREXLER FUND](#)

Bill 101 2024 ARPA FUNDS

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the American Rescue Plan Fund Budget for 2024.

Attachments: [Bill 101 2024 ARPA FUND](#)

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

R179

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 141 N. 10th Street

Attachments: [R179 HARB Resolution to DENY - 141 N 10th St](#)
[141 N 10th St Final Review](#)

R180

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 316 N. 8th Street

Sponsors: Administration
Attachments: [R 180 HARB Resolution to DENY - 316 N 8th St](#)
[316 N 8th St Final Review](#)

R181

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 932 W. Gordon Street

Sponsors: Administration
Attachments: [R 181 HARB Resolution to DENY - 932 W Gordon St](#)
[932 W Gordon St Final Review](#)

R182

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 1410 W. Linden Street

Attachments: [R 182 HARB Resolution to DENY - 1410 W Linden St](#)
[1410 W Linden St Final Review](#)

NEW BUSINESS**GOOD AND WELFARE****ADJOURN**

Council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers. For copies of the agenda or meeting announcements, please visit our website at www.allentownpa.gov or contact the Clerk at Michael.Hanlon@allentownpa.gov to receive an email notice of the meetings.

Council Rules

Procurement Procedures

Code of Ethics

Attachments:

[Council Rules 2023](#)

[Contract/Procurement Procedures from the Code](#)

[Ethics Code](#)