



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, July 20, 2022

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Invocation:

#### Pledge to the Flag

#### Roll Call

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

#### Courtesy of the Floor

#### Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Ms. Sheryl Petrillo, Hellertown, PA, stated that she is here tonight to present a proposal for them to enact an ordinance prohibiting the resale sale of commercially bred dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores and for them to implement a more humane model of sourcing animals from local bonafide nonprofits, rescues and shelters. She talked about Brookside Pups at 18th and Union Boulevard, puppy mills and pet stores.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanks Ms. Petrillo for sharing and asked if she had handouts.

Ms. Cheryl Petrillo stated she brought and forwarded to Mr. Hanlon some examples of ordinances that are in other Pennsylvania cities: Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. She also included one from Dallas, Texas. They just recently enacted an ordinance in their own city.

Ms. Donna Steinhauer, Allentown, PA, thanked Council. She stated that she is here today because she agrees with Ms. Petrillo's proposal to enact an ordinance. She stated that she went to Brookside Pups today and was distressed on what she saw and what she heard. There was no available water for the dogs. The dogs are so expensive. An 11 week chihuahua was \$3,000, but they offer this financing which he told her about and said he used it with his family. She thinks it is predatory financing. It was three months free then after that it went up to 172 percent. He stated that they don't repossess the dog. It was very upsetting.

Ms. Paulette Kish, 1028 E. Chew Street, stated that she last spoke to Council two months ago and nothing has changed as far as her concerns.

She has made phone calls to City Council and she does not get return calls. Even if she tries to return the calls, no one is ever answering or returning calls. The mayor and others sat on her doorstep before the elections and promised the eastside would not be neglected, but apparently it was political rhetoric. She is a taxpayer for 50 years that is addressing Andre Reed Park for six years plus the pool was supposed to be put out for bid. The eastside looks like a war zone and the park is a mess. The State Hospital grounds are a mess and it is causing people to leave. Her bigger concern is the tennis courts. Now, there was a pickleball contingent. The fountain is not running. The heating and shelter is bad and the surface is terrible. Kids are at the park vandalizing it all the time. The kids cut the gates, cut the locks so we kept them open. On Monday, the courts are cut open.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked Ms. Kish to leave her name, email and phone number and she will make sure someone will reach out.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated to Ms. Kish that Ms. El Char will give her an update on the status of the pools and the park renovations. They are ongoing and we made a lot of headway. There is progress coming along with that respect. In terms of the quality of the park, he has spoken to Mr. Zucal and Mr. Hendricks during this budget season they will explore the rule for a peace officer or people that can exclusive maintain quality of life and keeping an eye on parks in the city.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that Council will make sure that someone will contact her.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that they just had a big problem at Jordan Park. This is happening not just at your park, but the skateboarders and they are harrassing people playing pickleball.

## Contract Approvals

[15-5181](#)

R99

Authorization for Contract with LWC Services, Inc for an annual estimated budgeted sum of \$13,892.00 per contract year for Windows and Glass Cleaning services. This was competitively bid and only one (1) bid was received.

**Attachments:** [R99 - Windows and Glass Repair](#)  
[Resolution #30457](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as Bid 2022 - 26. It was advertised on Public Purchase and it was accessed by 14 vendors. One proposal was received. The department is recommending as award to LWC Services Inc. The annual estimated budgeted sum per contract year

is \$13,892.00. The city has successfully done business with this vendor before.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30457

[15-5184](#)

R100

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with McMahon Associates in the amount of \$17,200.00 to provide supplementary traffic signal inspection staff of one (1) full time inspector for project management, inspection and documentation services on the Traffic Signal Modifications Management. This is in informal quote and is below purchasing requirements, two (2) quotes were received, and three (3) vendors declined to participate.

**Attachments:** [R100 - McMahon](#)  
[Resolution #30458](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as an informal quote and below our Purchasing requirements. The department is recommending an award to the lowest proposal McMahon Associates Inc. The cost of the contract is \$17,200.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked is it the position that the city turn down in the budget earlier or late last year when Mr. Messinger presented. This was one of the positions he was seeking or this is something completely different.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that this is completely different. It is not a position.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked is the city paying McMahon to hire an employee to do this.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that PennDot changed the scope of the work. When they changed the scope of work, it increased the amount of work that needs to be done and the cost of the work. It is not for a person.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it says here to hire a supplementary Traffic Signal Inspector and one full-time inspector. He stated that he is reading it as the city is hiring a personnel for McMahon.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that this is to bring in a certified inspector. Unfortunately, we do not have anybody certified on staff to do these inspections. This inspector will be going out on the field with the contractor to perform inspections and make sure that the work is done in accordance with the contract. They will also prepare the reports and submit them to the state on the city's behalf.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked what are the chances in the future of getting someone certified from the city to do this.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that they would have to add a position to the budget or look into providing additional training. As you already know, we are already short staffed. Our staff has a lot on its plate. That is always a challenge to get someone certified to do this work in-house.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked Ms. Kistler is that what you were talking about last week.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that she was talking about building inspectors. These are traffic.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30458

[15-5182](#)

R101

Authorization for Contract with Penn Mount Stone, LLC in the amount of \$84,725.00 to provide masonry repair and preservation of the WPA era retaining wall located along Park Drive for the City. This was Competitively bid and only one (1) bid was received.

**Attachments:** [R101 -Park Drive Wall Repair \(completed\)](#)  
[Resolution #30459](#)

Ms. Sarah McNeil stated that it was done as Bid #22 - 24. It was advertised on Public Purchase and accessed by 39 vendors. One proposal was received. The department is recommending an award to Penn Mount Stone, LLC. The cost of the contract is \$84,725 and we had successfully done business with this vendor before.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that quite some time ago, they talked about the importance about having someone that can repair and do masonry work. It is difficult to find one. We do not have one in the city. That is the reason

that we have to constantly contract out.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated for the WPA walls these are historic walls. The city does not have a mason on staff. There was deferred maintenance for many years and Trexler wants the city to get the walls repaired to get them back up into historic preservation status. We need someone to do this. Once we get the up and back into good condition, our guys can get the maintenance on them. We already have been talking to Park and Recreation and the Maintenance team. They are going to put a maintenance plan together to maintain them.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if the Trexler Fund requesting that the city do this.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that it is required because it is falling apart, but yes.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if this money coming out the General Fund or Trexler.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated out of Trexler.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public. She stated that they should look into that. The city needs a Mason. We really do. She stated that she has been asking about that for many years. We should look into that for maybe next budget.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that he will put the message out.

Ms. Candida Affa started that Ms. Mota brought up a point. If we hire a Mason, obviously they are going to be expensive because this is a skill. How much work will they actually do for the city, except for these WPA Projects. Aside from that, how much will we actually use a Mason.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that is a good question. As they look at the maintenance plan, the Mason could be the one that does the maintenance plan for the city along with other things within the city. That is why they are coming together for a maintenance plan for our Parks and the walls. It is a tough skillset. Even when we are doing facade grants, it is hard to find a company that can do masonry work.

Ms. Candida Affa stated someone on salary to do specific things are going to be much more costly.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that we have to analysis it and add money. Through the years, we have been spending and contracting a Mason to do work.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that obviously it is hard because we only got one bid.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she hears that profession is dying. It is a dying profession, but they should look into that.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that he will make sure that Parks starts looking into that.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the public

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

Enactment No: 30459

[15-5183](#)

R102

Authorization for Contract with P. Joseph Lehman, Inc. in the amount of \$357,881.00 to Consultant shall provide professional consulting services relative to the Bogert's Covered Bridge Rehabilitation Project. This was competitively bid, two proposals were received, one was rejected.

**Attachments:** [R102 - Bogerts Bridge \(completed\)](#)

[Resolution #30460](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as RFP22 - 18. It was advertised on Public Purchase and accessed by 54 vendors. Two proposals were received. One was rejected. An evaluation committee made up of five people evaluated the proposal and scored based on the RFP requirement. After all the evaluations were computed, the committee is recommending an award to P. Joseph Lehman, Inc. The cost of the contract is \$357,881. They have successfully done business with this vendor before.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that some time ago, they talked with Ms. El-Chaar's Parks and Recreation and we were putting in grants to rebuild that bridge. Why we would not have a consultant prior to putting the bids for grants and money from the General Fund. We are putting the cart way after the house here. We should have had a consultant even before we thought about the project.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that is because the project itself with construction, rehab component was quite expensive. We waited until we had enough funding gathered to actually move forward with construction

which is why we are bringing the design and construction component to you now because we do have funding that would allow us once we have the construction documents, we could actually put this out for bid for construction.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30460

[15-5185](#)

R103

Authorization for an Engagement of Professional Services Michael Baker International in the amount of \$3,995.00 to provide bid assistance and construction oversight for the repairs at Cedar Creek Park Vehicular Bridge. This is an informal quote and is below purchasing requirements, one (1) quote was required and therefore received.

**Attachments:** [R103 - Michael Baker](#)  
[Resolution #30461](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as an informal quote and below the Purchasing requirements. Only one quote was required. The department is recommending an award to Michael Baker International and the cost of the contract is \$3,995. We have successfully done business with this vendor before.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30461

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-5143](#)

June 1, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [June 1, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

[15-5208](#)

June 8, 2022 City Council Special Meeting on ARPA Minutes

**Attachments:** [June 8, 2022 City Council Special Meeting on ARPA Minutes](#)

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

[15-5144](#) June 15, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [June 15, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

## Communications

### Proclamation for United Way of Greater Lehigh Valley

**Council President notes disclosures have been received:**

**1. Your name and position with the City of Allentown:**

**Matt Tuerk – Mayor**

**Connor Corpora – Executive Assistant**

**Tatiana Tooley – Human Relations Officer**

**Mark Hartney – Deputy Director, CED**

**2. Individual communicated with including individual's name and his or her position or affiliation with an entity that does or seeks to conduct the service, receive the contract or receive funds:**

**Kevin Easterling – Allentown Digital Inclusion Initiative**

**Angela Siefer – National Digital Inclusion Alliance**

**3. Date of communication: July 5, 2022**

**4. Form of communication In person meeting**

**5. Description of the content of the communication:**

The discussion centered largely around the need for a digital inclusion plan in the City of Allentown. Specifically, with the increased focus on broadband funding in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Digital Equity Act, it is important that the city has a plan in place to ensure that we do not miss out on federal funds. This federal funding will be disbursed by the state, and the city should develop a plan of its own in order to be included in Pennsylvania's plan.

**Email from Candida received 6/22: This was prior to the form used above being developed - I would like to disclose my conversation with Sherri Bender about homelessness and Ripple house before legislation was passed several months ago**



**Old Business**

**Request to take from the table Bills 39 and 40 and refer them to a Special Committee.**

**Bill 39 Refer to Special Council Meeting 5103**

**Amending the 2022 ARPA Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000) Dollars to Da Vinci Science City, LLC.**

**Bill 40 Refer to Special Council Meeting 5102**

**Amending the 2022 ARPA Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000) Dollars to Coca Cola Park for COVID-19 Safety Improvements.**

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she wanted to bring up the Ordinance again that incarcerates people for unpaid parking tickets and see where that is at. She asked Mr. Hendricks if the Parking Authority has gotten back to him about scheduling that meeting.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they had a meeting today and he will set up a meeting with Mr. Hanlon in the very near future. He stated probably their next meeting two weeks from now.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated wonderful.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked Mr. Shahda if Centerra has left and the other company has come in. There were some issues about a property that Centerra was taking that wasn't theirs and might belong to the city. He asked was that resolved. Did they take things that weren't theirs? Is it ok?

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that they are all good. The Fleet Manager, Tyler Buddock was there while Centerra was removing their belonging. The city does have a list of fixed assets that belongs to the city and verified everything is still in tact while Centerra vacated.

[15-5103](#)**Bill 39**

Amending the 2022 ARPA Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000) Dollars to Da Vinci Science City, LLC.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 39 \\$1.5m ARPA to Da Vinci](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the public. She referred Bill 39 to a Special Committee. The time and date to be determined.

## REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE

**A motion was made by Joshua Siegel, seconded by Candida Affa to untable Bill 39**

**Yes:** 4 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Joshua Siegel

**No:** 3 - Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Natalie Santos

[15-5102](#)

## Bill 40

Amending the 2022 ARPA Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000) Dollars to Coca Cola Park for COVID-19 Safety Improvements.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 40 \\$1.5 M ARPA - COCA COLA PARK](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the public. She referred Bill 40 to a Special Committee.

Mr. Pas Simpson asked if the city was thinking about giving \$1.5 million to the IronPigs or the stadium at Coca Cola Park. How come Major League Baseball is not putting up that money?

Ms. Candida Affa stated that it is not saying we are giving them the money. It is a Special Committee on how we are going to disperse \$2 million.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that means when Council puts it in a Special Committee, they will further discuss why they should or should not give them \$1.5 million.

Mr. Pas Simpson stated that he wanted to make sure because there are a lot of resources that Coca Cola Park and IronPigs can tap into. Major League Baseball is the team that makes a lot of money. There are some things we have to think about before we give \$1.5 million to the IronPigs.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that Major League Baseball is the one that is telling us to do this.

Ms. Pas Simpson stated that they can debate, but there is a lot of money. Major League Baseball would love to put a burden on the city. We just saw Major League Baseball toss out \$224 million for one player. There is money in Major League Baseball. Before we put another tax burden on the city who is just seeing a tax burden raise with the school district, we just might want to think.

Ms. Cynthia Mota invited Mr. Simpson to the Special Meeting. She stated that she will make sure he gets the information and it can be discussed

further.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that you will refer it to a Special Committee Meeting.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it will be referred to a Special Committee.

**A motion was made by Joshua Siegel, seconded by Cynthia Mota to untable Bill 40**

**Yes:** 4 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Joshua Siegel

**No:** 3 - Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Natalie Santos

**REPORTS**

**Special Council Meetings:** Council held a special meeting on July 13th to discuss tourism and entertainment as a priority relating to ARPA funding. A future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

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

The Committee met on June 22 and forwarded a bill on this evening's agenda. The committee liked the new budget memo format for the monthly reports and the fact, that all things remaining equal, we will be looking at a very favorably cash balance position at the end of the year. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

**Community and Economic Development:** Chair Gerlach, Siegel, Mota

The Committee met on July 13th, referred the HARB denial to the full council and took testimony on homelessness. The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

**Human Resources, Administration and Appointments:** Chair Santos, Hendricks, Siegel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Controller's Report (3 minutes)** - Controller is on vacation and will not be reporting this evening.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier gave a brief review on the Controller's office audit of gift cards and prizes from April 1st. There were some other audits that he felt was a little more important. In this audit, they had eight findings and he is commenting on the top three. Gift Cards that they use are prepaid debit cards and are considered cash

equivalent. They contain a specific amount of money that can be used for a variety of purchases. Gift cards should be handled like cash with the appropriate controls and safeguards. As of December 31, 2021, nine employee recognition gift cards were awarded. Of the nine employee recognition gift cards awarded, five did not have the City of Allentown Recognition Program Nomination Form on file and therefore is unknown why that specific employee was awarded an Employee Recognition Gift Card. Of the four that did have a nomination form, two of the forms were nominated, approved as Department Director, and approved by HR Director. One was for a Human Resources Department direct report and this is not a proper segregation of duty. Five did not have the City of Allentown HR Employee Incentive Acknowledgement on file. Therefore, there is no proof that the employee received the gift card nor is there is proof that the award information was submitted to payroll for inclusion in the employees income. One of the four forms was dated 2/24/2022, while the gift card was presumed to have been awarded after the Controller's office requested a copy of the form. Eight of the gift cards were not reported as employee income and the one that was reported did not have a copy of the HR Employee Incentive Acknowledgement on file. It is unknown how the income was reported. The Controller's office recommendation is that consideration should be given to reevaluating the program so that it is proper segregation of duties. The administration should consider investigating the gift cards consistency to determine whether it is malfeasance. The administration should consider publicizing the winners to serve as an incentive to all employees. The second finding was a lack of formal gift card prize policy or procedure. There were numerous shortcomings that they noted. They recommended that the administration should develop a policy and procedure for gift cards and prizes as standardized log for gift cards should be developed to ensure all pertinent information is available and a separate log should be maintained for prizes do not become obsolete. They recommended that the Solicitor's office should be consulted to help to define such items as reporting third party donations. Gift cards and prizes are not consistently reported as income. We noted that in the Employee Recognition Review that most of those cards were not reported as income. We need to get a little bit better on that. He is sure between Finance and Legal that will improve.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Glazier for his Report and asked if there were any questions from the dais.

Mayor's Report (3 minutes)

NONE

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated to Mr. Lightner that she hears this is the last Council meeting and thanked him for so many years of service and your great contribution to our city and our community. She stated to him that he will be missed. She wished him the best with anything that he does for now on.

Mr. Leonard Lightner thanked Ms. Mota and stated that he is honored to have the opportunity to serve this community. He thanked all of Council. He thanked the team and the staff members. He stated to Council that they have a hell of an employee staff. They care. They really care about what they do. He asked for the continued support to support them on what they are trying to do and making your legislation possible. He stated that he will miss the team and thanked them for the opportunity they have given him over the last five years.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she would be remiss not to say anything. She stated that they had some public exchanges, good and bad. She said when you first came around, she did not like him, did not trust him. It was bad. Over the years, she can't say that she agreed with every approach. They have very different perspectives on how to approach an issue. She stated that she will grab a sign and protest. You will methodically sit out and plot and plan and think about every I and Q and T and everything in between. Over these last couple of years, seeing that you don't grab a sign and protest, but adapting some of that and being more methodical and planning. She stated that him leaving is a lost for the city and she means that not on the rhetorical ways that we always say it, but there are people that work in this city that traditionally did not see themselves. People that looked like them working in this city, especially someone at a high level and now they are here. She hopes that they all stay and continue to move up and sit in that chair, eventually or the other chair even. She thanked him for being the trailblazer, for helping people come in here, for being a mentor for people, and she is sure that he will be even though he will be working here at City Hall. She thanked him for that and hoped that they can stay in contact.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Ms. Gerlach and stated to Mr. Lightner, thank you for opening doors because that is what you do.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he considers Mr. Lightner a friend in addition of being a colleague. Truly, some of the best moments on Council and the city has been working with him and strategizes and deep thoughts about things that they are both passionate about and care about. Ultimately the word that comes to mind when he thinks of him is service and commitment to not just your community, but your country. Your entire life has been defined by service that has been bigger than yourself and that is lessen we can all learn and take something away whether it is service to your country or service to city and the importance of dedication and staying to the tasks and staying with the bad, the good, and forging ahead, no matter what. He stated that he is going to miss his mind, his thoughts, perspectives, and will miss walking in the mayor's office and see him in the chair over there and having the ability to bounce ideas off of them. He wished him all the best. Whenever you end up, they are in good hands. You are well suited and will be making your

mark there. He agrees with Ms. Gerlach, it is a loss in many senses. It is a loss for people in the community that don't look like you that has a chance to see a leader that has blazed trails and set themselves a part from so many others. He stated that he will be following Mr. Lightner wherever he goes. Don't be a stranger. He stated that he hopes that he can call and text when he needs advice.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that they met about 12 years ago when Mr. Lightner was in Risk Management and he was in Traffic. They were responsible for making sure that the accidents that happened in the city with city vehicles were up and above where they supposed to be. He stated that they had a great working relationship in his opinion. We did not always agree here in Council Chambers, but if we did agree, there is no reason for them to show up. He thanked him for his service to the country. He stated that he does not know if everyone knows, but Mr. Lightner attained the highest rank that could be attained in the military. He stated that he went to college, but he would be honest, if he had to do it all over again, he would have went into the military. It is the most admirable thing that anybody can do. Thank you for your service to the city, our country and wished him the best.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that goodbyes are difficult sometimes.

[15-5210](#) Controller Reports

Attachments: [Bank Rec 4.30](#)  
[Check Review 5.28 - 7.01](#)

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

[15-5100](#) Bill 41  
Amending the 2022 Equipment Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty-Nine Thousand (\$39,000) from the unappropriated balance of the 2022 Equipment Fund to the 2022 Rolling Stock expenses to complete vehicle purchases in 2022.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 41 Equipment Fund Transfer](#)  
[Ordinance #15821](#)

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that this was forwarded favorably from Budget and Finance. It is pretty straight forward from the unappropriated balance that we are carrying over.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the administration, the dais, or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15821

[15-5083](#)

Bill 43

Providing for the vacation of North Peach Street from the centerline of Cedar Street to its North Terminus in the Eighth Ward of the City of Allentown:

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 43 Peach Street](#)

[Peach Street Staff Report](#)

[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding N. Peach Street from the intersection with W. Cedar Street to the intersection with Sumner Avenue](#)

[ACPC Action - Peach Street](#)

[Staff Report Vacation of Peach Street Staff Report 01.27.22](#)

[Peach Street from Centerline of Cedar Street to its North Terminus](#)

[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding N Peach Street - Street Vacation Ordinance #15822](#)

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

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the administration, the dais, or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15822

[15-5134](#)

Bill 44

Amending the 2022 Capital Fund Budget to allocate Sixty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$62,626.50) from the unappropriated balance of the Golf Course Fund to the Golf Grounds Maintenance budget and Golf Capital Projects budget.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 44 Golf Course](#)

[Ordinance #15823](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this was voted favorably, 3 - 0.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the administration, the dais, or the public.



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

Enactment No: 15823

[15-5135](#)

Bill 45

Amending the 2022 General Fund Budget to appropriate Twelve Thousand (\$12,000) Dollars from the unappropriated General Fund balance to Parks Maintenance General Fund account. Funds are needed to cope with the rising costs of heating oil, fuel, and other petroleum-based lubricants.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 45 Parks Funds 6-15-22](#)

[Ordinance #15824](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this was voted favorably, 3 - 0.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the administration, the dais, or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15824

[15-5137](#)

Bill 46

Amending the 2022 Trexler Fund and Capital Fund Budgets to provide for a transfer of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars from the Trexler Fund to the Capital Fund to provide the additional funds needed to complete the Valania Park Capital Project.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 46 Valania Fund 6-15-22 - FINAL](#)

[Ordinance #15825](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this was voted favorably, 3 - 0.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the administration, the dais, or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15825

[15-5131](#)

Bill 47

Renaming of the alleyway, Frederick Street which is located at the rear of the Patriots Building "Moonie Trexler Way". The request is from Allentown Patriots.

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

**Attachments:** [Bill 47 Renaming of the Alleyway on Frederick Street to Moonie Trexler Way](#)  
[Moonie Trexler Way](#)  
[Ordinance #15826](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was voted favorably, 3 - 0.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the administration, the dais, or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15826

## CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Michael Hanlon asked if Council had any issues with the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

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

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

### [15-5180](#)

R104

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:

- 526 W. Liberty St.

**Attachments:** [R104 HARB Resolution July 20](#)  
[526 Liberty St. Final Review](#)  
[Resolution #30462](#)

Enactment No: 30462

### [15-5148](#)

R105

Jessica Ortiz, Blighted Property Review Committee, 1/5/2025

**Attachments:** [R105 Blighted Property Review Committee - Jessica Ortiz](#)  
[Jessica Ortiz, Blighted Property Review Committee, 1-5-2025](#)  
[Resolution #30463](#)

Enactment No: 30463

### [15-5149](#)

R106

Ricky W. Zongora, Building Code Board of Appeals, 11/4/2026 (Replacing Bryan Geist)

**Attachments:** [R106 Building Code Board of Appeals - Ricky W. Zongora](#)  
[Ricky W. Zongora, Building Code Board of Appeals, 11-4-2026](#)  
[Resolution #30464](#)

Enactment No: 30464

[15-5150](#)

R107  
Barry Cohen, Building Code Board of Appeals, 11/2/2026 (Replacing Benjamin Walbert)

**Attachments:** [R107 Building Code Board of Appeals - Barry Cohen](#)  
[Barry Cohen, Building Code Board of Appeals, 11-2-2026](#)  
[Resolution #30465](#)

Enactment No: 30465

[15-5174](#)

R108  
Leanna Pallero, Council of Youth, 08/20/2023

**Attachments:** [R108 Council of Youth - Leanna Pallero](#)  
[Leanna Pallero, Council of Youth, 8-20-2023](#)  
[Resolution #30466](#)

Enactment No: 30466

[15-5152](#)

R109  
Julie Thomases, Environmental Advisory Council, 1/6/2025

**Attachments:** [R109 Julie Thomases, Environmental Advisory Council, 1/6/2025](#)  
[Julie Thomases, Environmental Advisory Council, 1-6-2025](#)  
[Resolution #30467](#)

Enactment No: 30467

[15-5172](#)

R110  
Gabrielle Joseph, Council of Youth, 08/20/2023

**Attachments:** [R110 Council of Youth - Gabrielle Joseph](#)  
[Gabrielle Joseph, Council of Youth, 8-20-2023](#)  
[Resolution #30468](#)

Enactment No: 30468

[15-5173](#)

R111  
Wajiha Saba, Council of Youth, 08/20/2023

**Attachments:** [R111 Council of Youth - Wajiha Saba](#)  
[Wajiha Saba, Council of Youth, 8-20-2023](#)  
[Resolution #30469](#)

Enactment No: 30469

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

[15-5140](#)

R98 CEDC, Chairperson Gerhach, forwarded favorably Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed style of windows at 617 N. 6th Street

**Attachments:** [R98 HARB Resolution to DENY - 617 N 6th St](#)  
[617 N 6th Final Review](#)  
[Resolution #30470](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the administration, the dais, or the public.

Mr. Edward Fernandez stated that he lives at 617 N. 6th Street. It is his father's house. He has had the house for over 20 years. The windows have been there for about 20 years. They were not coming into question until recently. They are really bad and he has to change them. He put in for the permit. He wanted to put the same windows in. He wants to see if there is something he could do to accept and grandfather them in since they have been there already.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that Ms. Mota was translating for the gentleman and these windows were as he stated put in illegally within the HARB jurisdiction. Now, they are in place, we offered the family different types of windows. Meredith reached as Council suggested. She was speaking to his daughter and offered the different types of windows that could legally be put in the building. At the last meeting, his dad agreed that he would choose from the list. She stated that is how we got to this point.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked is this the same as two weeks ago.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated yes, that is when it was introduced. This was the time for Final Passage.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated to Mr. Fernandez that his dad was here and he did mention that there have been conversations between your sister and the city. He did agree to look at the list and pick windows form there.

Mr. Edward Fernandez stated that he has issues budget wise, he only got a certain amount. The windows they are being suggested are a lot more expensive because the materials are better.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated didn't we talk about two windows that was in question. How many windows are we talking about?

Mr. Edward Fernandez stated just two windows on the third floor.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that he is coming before us asking to replace two windows in the HARB.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the administration, the dais, or the public.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if Council is going to vote on this denial tonight. If he is willing to agree to one of the three windows that they are offering, maybe they should just make a motion to table until further.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that the legislation states that he has to pick from that list. She stated that he is asking Council to make him not pick from this list. The denial means that Council wants him to pick from the list and comply with the HARB regulations.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Council is at the timeframe that they have to act on it tonight or it automatically becomes an approval.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that in the recent Pennsylvania Budget, the whole Home Repairs Act was passed to allocate \$125 million to individual landlords or homeowners for relative facade improvements and internal home improvements up to \$50,000 per home. Has that been made available or is there an application process. It has not yet been decimated or articulated to individual cities that could perhaps help this gentleman make up some of the costs so in fact it does not have to come out of his own pocket.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that they have not been approach yet or heard of that funding stream.

Mr. Joshua Siegel asked the city to make an overture to the Department of Community and Economic Development at the state level and see in fact, if there is an application process. The budget passed two weeks ago and that is a large pool of money that is available to all homeowners. He stated that if the city can help this gentleman not to spend money out of his own pocket and make a necessary improvement to the home. Maybe he can replace all the windows at once.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that would be great.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated absolutely. They will look into it. If we can find a funding source available, we will reach out.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he wants to see if the Home Repairs Act has been made available. He stated that \$50,000 is a large sum of money. It can certainly help this gentleman make a lot of improvements at once and allow him to live comfortably and not make him worry about any future expenses for some time.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that is a great idea. Instead of two windows, instead maybe you can fix all of them and with no money out of pocket.

Ms. Candida Affa asked can she make a motion to table it.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated no.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated no. We need to pass it.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that if we vote it down, he basically does not have to purchase.

Attorney Charles Smith stated that the point he is making is that it is a limited time period in which to act or it is going to be a deemed approval. What we heard two weeks ago is that HARB denied the Certificate of Appropriateness and Council is being asked to uphold that. The concern is that if it gets kicked down the road it would be the opposite of that. That is why it is a timeliness concern. He knows that it is procedural complex and he understands that. The point is that you have to vote to uphold the action that was taken tonight or it will be the opposite.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked once Council votes on this, would he have enough time with the information that was given from Mr. Siegel to be able to fix if he gets qualified for all these windows.

Attorney Charles Smith stated that he will not be able to forecast that.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he basically has forever. Council is just saying that he cannot pull a permit on this.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that he does not have to fix these windows tomorrow. He wants to, but perhaps we can do is look into that funding mechanism or other funding mechanism, reach out to him and hopefully this will be in a timely manner. She stated that if we find out this money is coming in a month, perhaps he can hold off for a month to change out the windows and we work from there. We have to work in partnership. If there is no funding available and he wants to change the windows, he will have to pick from the list.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked how do you feel about that. Do you understand what is going on?

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

Enactment No: 30470

[15-5193](#)

R112

Authorizes Revisions to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Multimodal Fund Grant Reimbursement Agreement for Highway and Bridge Projects (No. 057444C)

**Attachments:** [R112 3RD AMENDMENT TO MULTIMODAL GRANT](#)  
[PENNDOT DOCUMENTATION CONTRACT NO. 057444](#)  
[Resolution #30471](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the administration, the dais, or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30471

[15-5142](#)

R113

Approves transfer: \$13,217.28 in Finance Administration to Cover Costs of Pre-Printed City Envelopes to Ordered Due to Significant Pricing Increases; \$7,072.54 in Mayor's Office for Office Furniture in Mayor's Office which was recently renovated.

**Attachments:** [R113 Transfer Funds](#)  
[To cover Costs of Pre-Printed City Envelopes to to Ordered Due to Significant Pricing Increases](#)  
[Office Furniture in Mayor's Office](#)  
[Resolution #30472](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the administration, the dais, or the public.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he quickly Googled it in reference to R98. The state Community and Economic Development Department is in the process of setting up the program itself. There is no timeline on that as of now. They are working on it. At that point, it will be the responsibility of the county to individually apply for funds. He recommended that the city reach out to the county's DCED office. They would have to make that application process and drawn those funds down.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that she will reach out tomorrow.

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

Enactment No: 30472

[15-5190](#)

R114

Acknowledging that the City of Allentown would like to file an application for the 2023 Childhood Obesity Prevention and Environmental Health and Sustainability Grant in the amount of \$175,000.00; the maximum amount given to a medium size city.

**Attachments:** [R114 2023 American Beverage Association Foundation for a Healthy America 7-20-22 Resolution #30473](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the administration, the dais, or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30473

[15-5204](#)

R115

City of Council of Allentown expresses its opposition to the imposition of restrictions on reproductive choice by the governments of the Commonwealth or the United States and recommends the city cover travel expenses related to abortion access for City employees up to certain amount to be determined through an amendment to the personnel code and budget should the need arise.

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

**Attachments:** [R115 Roe Impact The Disproportionate Harm of Abortion Bans Spotlight on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Center for Reproductive Rights Resolution #30474](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the administration, the dais, or the public.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this Resolution expresses a sentiment of members of Council that given the Dobbs decision expressing our opposition to imposition of restriction on reproductive choice by the government of the Commonwealth or the United States. We are recommending that should the need arise, we will investigate covering expenses such expenses up to certain amount to be determined through an amendment to the Personnel Code and Budget. Should the need arise, this is simple expresses their intent to do so. This is for city employees. This is not for the entire city of Allentown. We are just expressing our



opinion on this and if this should happen then we will have an intent on what we will do about it.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated well said. She asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

Ms. O'linda Ogofatemi (sp) asked about the access to city employees only. What happens to the other people if they need an abortion sand they don't have the money. Are you saying that they are going to be turned away or something.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that what they are doing here as so many corporations have done is that they are taking care of their employees. For the city of Allentown, they as Council and the administration in some sense would like to follow with a lot of corporations are doing as a package for their healthcare that this is included. They can't do it for all the citizens of Allentown, but will try to take care of their employees which includes many. This is not for the entire city.

Ms. O'linda Ogofatemi (sp) stated that there is legislation that Mr. Siegel is working on to maybe help the rest of them.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he is working on a series of four ordinances that will be finalized at the end of the week that are still in the developmental stages. It will provide a blanket of protection for anyone in the city of Allentown that is seeking an abortion. He stated that he will be revealing them next week.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this is a Resolution of our intent. It is not legislation in which Mr. Siegel may be bringing up. This is just a Resolution of intent.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that even doing that starts the conversation. There are a lot of us out there that are scared and worried and wondering what their local government do. This shows they are starting here. There is legislation. They are ready if worst case scenario were to happen in the state of Pennsylvania, we will step up and do what we have to do.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that this is a very difficult situation as a woman, as a female. It has a lot to do with power and control. We are hoping for the best and the fight is not over.

Enactment No: 30474

[15-5151](#)

R116

Authorizes and Approves the Engagement of Charles Smith, Esquire, to Provide Legal Services to Allentown City Council Pursuant to the Allentown

Home Rule Charter and Administrative Code for one year of the two one – year renewals.

**Attachments:** [R116 Council Solicitor](#)  
[Resolution #30475](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any comments from the administration, the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30475

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

[15-5189](#) Bill 48  
Amending the 2022 Trexler Fund, by transferring supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Fund in the amount of a total of Sixty-Five Thousand (\$65,000) Dollars from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Capital Budget to the Cedar Creek Bridges capital project, to repair the vehicular bridge at Ott St in Cedar Creek Parkway.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 48 Trexler appropriation 7-12-22](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-5192](#) Bill 49  
Amending the 2022 General Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Stormwater Fund, and Rental Fund by transferring a total of Five Hundred Thousand (\$ 500,000) Dollars to allow for the continued purchase of fuel for the remainder of 2022.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 49 FUEL TRANSFER](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-5194](#) Bill 50 Refer to Budget and Finance  
Amending the 2022 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a total transfer of Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Fifteen Cents

(\$5,597.15) among Capital Projects with the final outcome being the closure of Capital Project 2028 – Police Academy Road and Parking Lot and Capital Project 2209 Mack Pool. These Capital Projects are complete and have been reconciled by the Finance Department.

**Attachments:** [Bill 50 CAPITAL PROJECT CLOSE OUTS & TRANSFERS](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

[15-5195](#)

Bill 51

Adhering to Part One Administrative Legislation, Chapter 80 Personnel Policies, Section 80-7, Part E (1) by forwarding the recommendations of the Reclassification Committee to City Council.

**Attachments:** [Bill 51 First Reclassification Request 7-20-22](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO RULES, CHAMBERS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

[15-5188](#)

Bill 52

DIRECTING THE LEHIGH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE A REFERENDUM QUESTION BEFORE THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN VOTERS ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022, BALLOT TO AMEND THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN HOME RULE CHARTER TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY OF THE CONTROLLER EQUAL TO 80% OF THE MAYOR'S SALARY WHICH IS CURRENTLY AT \$95,000. Controller

**Sponsors:** Affa and Mr. Siegel

**Attachments:** [Bill 52 Home Rule Charter Controller's Salary - Question](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO RULES, CHAMBERS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

[15-5187](#)

Bill 53

Amends the Ethics code by adding provisions on nepotism, patronage, gifting and general procedures.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Zucal, Gerlach, Affa, Hendricks, Mota and Mr. Siegel

**Attachments:** [Bill 53 Ethics Bill](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO RULES, CHAMBERS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

[15-5197](#)

Bill 54 Refer to Budget and Finance

Amending the Administrative Code, § 5-15 City Council action on budget, by changing the definitions of the Mayor's Proposed Budget to comply with current and amended provisions of Home Rule Charter - that the budget shall be submitted on or before 75 days prior to the ensuing fiscal year pursuant to the Charter rather than 60 days (housecleaning measure).

**Sponsors:** Mota and Mr. Zucal

**Attachments:** [Bill 54 Budget Bill](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Request to Suspend the Rules and Introduce the Bill and refer it to the City and Lehigh Valley Planning Commissions - the petition was received after the agenda deadline, introducing this would help keep the project on track.

[15-5209](#)

Bill 55

Amending the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Allentown by (i) rezoning certain parcels to B-5 Urban Commercial District, (ii) adding an additional note (T) to section 1315.03 altering the area and yard requirements for certain parcels zoned B-5, and (iii) providing for a repealer clause, a severability clause, and an effective date.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Siegel and Hendricks

**Attachments:** [Bill 55 W. Allen Street and W](#)

[W Allen Street and W Liberty Street Exhibit A \(Map\)](#)

[Rezoning Petition - W Allen Street and W Liberty Street](#)

[Petty Cash Voucher - Reimbursement of Payment to Lehigh County](#)

[Law Department Bill 55](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO ALLENTOWN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION.

**A motion was made by Joshua Siegel, seconded by Daryl Hendricks to Suspend The Rules and introduce Bill 55.**

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

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

### NEW BUSINESS: NONE

### GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Ed Zucal talked about Mary and Mike. Mary and Mike was a couple and met when Mike was 15 and Mary was 13 and they dates for quite a while. Then one day when Mike for 19 and Mary was 17, Mary's dad caught them behind the barn in their car. Obviously, Mary's dad was not very happy. He sent Mary to her room and told Mike, he is going to tell him one time, you are going to marry my daughter or I will see that you will go to jail for 20 years. That remained in his mind for years to come. They eventually got married and one night they had an argument and Mary was not the nicest person to live with. One night they had an argument and went to bed and Mary woke up during the night and reach over to tough Michael and apologize for the argument. He was not in the bed. She thought that he might have snuck out. She got up and checked the bathroom. He was not there. She looked down the stairwell and saw a light in the kitchen. She went down and Michael was sitting at the table, had a cup of coffee and staring at the wall and had tears coming down his eyes. She said Michael, what is wrong. He said do you realize that yesterday we were together for 20 years. She got a little teary eyed and she could not believe he remembered. He said do you remember that your dad caught us out back...yeah, yeah. After he sent you in the house, he told him marry his daughter or he will see that he spends the next 20 years in prison and that stuck with him forever. He started weeping uncontrollably and she said Michael, what's wrong. he said your dad called yesterday and just kept laughing on the phone and finally said to him, what are you laughing at. He told him that he would have been out yesterday.

### ADJOURNED: 7:56 PM

[15-4437](#)

Council Rules  
Home Rule Charter  
Contract Procedures

Attachments: [HOMERULE June 2021](#)

[Council Rules March 2021 Edition](#)

[Contracts \(4\)](#)

[Ethics, Code of \(7\)](#)