



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

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

Courtesy of the Floor

Please observe the Rules of Council when given privilege of the floor. A copy of Council Rules can be found on the council agenda on the website along with all the legislation and reports.

When speakers have privilege of the floor, I will not entertain personal insults, attacks, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose of conducting official business.

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

Courtesy of the Floor is meant to provide public comment on items that are not on the agenda. Public comment during consideration of ordinances, resolutions and motions is limited by topic – your comments must be relevant to the subject matter of the proposed legislation. Public comments are taken before council votes on items.

You are given privilege of the floor to provide public comment, 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 in place of everyone coming to the podium.

Please address the Council President not individual councilpersons or city staff. Refrain from insulting or defaming staff, officials, and the public; refrain from using offensive language, cursing, and making noises while other people are speaking. State your position clearly and concisely for our consideration.

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.

Mr. Saleed Georges stated three hours and 18 minutes later. He applauded Council for all that they do on a daily basis, weekly basis, monthly basis for the city of Allentown. He stated that he is actually a little disgusted, if he is being honest with the level of pettiness and unprofessionalism that he has seen in this room tonight. He apologized on behalf of the lack of respect and pettiness he saw in here. He apologized for all that they all do. He stated that he is here for something very important. He is a minority himself and it is very important to him and it is something that boils his blood more than anything. He stated President Hendricks stating you probably know more than him from his times on patrol, but roughly the 900 block to the 1500 block of Union Boulevard is now known as afterhours central in Allentown and there is a problem. They were successful in shutting down Synergy. He stated because of the APD

and the mayor for that. He stated that he applaud APD and his you drive down his house that says he loves support and pray for Allentown Police. He stated that he only felt safe in their presence, even as an immigrant. He stated that the concern is that they have drunk people at two, three and four in the morning. Still drinking, causing a ruckus. He stated that he was here last year and the vehicles had bullets in them. He asked do you guys don't remember. If not, he stated that he would remind them. There was a bullet hole that went above the headrest of where his nephew sits in his car seat. He asked when is enough enough. He stated that he has been in Allentown pretty long. He stated that former Sergeant Zucal knows him from when he was this big. There was one shooting at Horizon - one shooting at Horizon and Horizon was shutdown. Synergy had a stabbing. Someone bled out outside his parents house. They had another shooting where rounds were exchanged like the wild wild west and bullet holes entered several of his families vehicles. He asked when is enough enough. He stated that the place in question from the most recent incident that he shouldn't have to name it. He stated that they are all familiar with it. He stated that he doesn't believe it is a restaurant. He stated that he drives by that place 25 times a day. There isn't a light on in the place. It is not bustling for lunch. It is solely an afterhours spot. IF he can apply for a business license and say he wants to open a gas station, but inside he is running a gentlemen's club and no one can tell him nothing. He stated then d *mn-it, that's ok. He stated right, that's ok. That's what they are saying. Just giving anybody a f*cking business license. He stated pardon his French. Give anybody a business license because they have an entrepreneurship and want to open a business in the city, great. The business that they are opening or betraying that they are opening is not as such. When a business opens at 1:30 in in the morning to 2:00 AM. He stated that his brother moved out of the city because of bullet holes in his truck. He stated that he might follow, sadly. He stated that he would like them to put a Motion in place to shutdown and not allow an afterhours spot within the city limits. If not, he thinks it is going to be more bloodshed. He stated there were bullet holes already from the exchange of gunfire. Someone was stabbed and bled out in front of his parents house and now they just had another homicide this past weekend. He woke up on a Sunday to get his morning cup of coffee to see caution tape and police activity at 6:37 in the morning. He stated enough is enough City Council. He stated enough is enough. These places are not good for our community. They put in jeopardy our public safety and not conducive to a healthy environment where someone wants to raise a family. He stated that he hopes his message is clear. He stated thankfully he shaved his head and can take off his hat to them. He stated that he is disgusted.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he can see that and would not normally do this, but will respond to him. He stated that just this evening, he spoke to

the chairman of the Public Safety committee, Ms. Affa and wasn't able to speak to Mr. Zucal yet who is also a member of that committee and told her that he wants her to talk to the administration and form a committee to look into how they can deal with afterhours clubs. He stated that they need to take more action.

Mr. Saleed Georges stated that it has become known that Union Boulevard is an afterhours spot. He asked what are you doing Saturday at 2:30 AM and stated that he will pick him up and they can go and check them out if they want.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he probably will be sleeping at that time.

Mr. Saleed Georges stated that is what you should be doing at 2:30 in the morning. He stated to seek more adventure and alcohol at 2:30 in the morning because nothing good comes out of it. He stated that it is proof in the pudding. He stated that he doesn't need anyone's justification or reasoning or proof or evidence or give them another chance.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated to keep in mind that they are restricted by a lot of the law, but again, they are going to look to do whatever they can do. Whatever it takes to shut these illegal places down.

Mr. Saleed Georges stated that it should be something to take some type of permanent immediate action at least. He stated that he has the upmost faith in you guys. He stated again, he wants to apologize for the lack of disrespect he saw in this room towards you guys. He stated that they work very hard and diligently at your job.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated to him, that you waited a long time tonight.

Mr. Saleed Georges stated that he will wait if there is a message to be conveyed to the city that he loves. He stated that he will wait and stated he will wait.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated rest assure they will do what they need to do.

Mr. Saleed Georges stated that again, he want to make this notation and stated that if someone cannot respect these Chambers and respect the Rules that apply to these Chambers, this is not the platform for them to come to speak to the public. It is a bad representation of the citizens of Allentown.

Ms. Candida Affa asked him to give his name and number, if he doesn't mind. She stated that she will call him personally.

Mr. Saleed Georges stated sure. No problem.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated he has it.

Ms. Karen Ocasio, Southside Allentown, stated that they want to put something on the agenda and something happened and they couldn't. She stated that she wanted to come up here and speak on it. She stated that we, the undersigned citizens, feel it is crucial to convey our deep concern regarding Mayor Matthew Tuerk's recent actions and inactions and City Council Board Member Candida Affa. Numerous allegations of racism, prejudice, and unfair labor practices have put city employees in precarious positions. Given the public's declining confidence in our city's leadership, we demand immediate action to ensure justice and accountability. We respectfully request the Allentown City Council to place the following on the agenda for vote: Recusal of Council Member: Council Member Affa should refrain from voting or making decisions about the ongoing investigation. Her involvement and recent Facebook post create a conflict of interest and may compromise its integrity. Removal of Duane Morris Law Firm: We call for the removal of the Duane Morris law firm from the investigation for the following reasons: At the January 15, 2025, special city council meeting, it was revealed that Attorney Brown of the Duane Morris Firm, in collaboration with city council solicitor Attorney Maria Montero, crafted the grading rubric—granting the firm an unfair advantage. Furthermore, Attorney Montero shared budget details with the firm before presenting them to other applicants, strikingly similar to the actions that led to Mayor Pawlowski's imprisonment. Prior Engagement: Duane Morris has previously represented the City of Allentown, which raises concerns about impartiality. Notably, Duane Morris has worked with the City of Allentown on several grievances, heightening fears about aligned interests in addressing these critical issues. Law Firms Typically Align Themselves with Their Clients: Duane Morris Law Firm often aligns closely with its clients, seldom challenging their perspectives. In certain legal practices, there is a tendency to address issues of racism only on a surface level. This limited approach can overlook the more profound, systemic forms of racism that persist in society. In contrast, consulting firms encourage a thorough examination of the facts and engagement with the complex realities of entrenched racism, ensuring their representation is comprehensive and sensitive to the historical and social contexts that shape these issues. Past Investigations: A partner from Duane Morris supervised an investigation into anti-LGBTQI actions in the Bucks County School District, where William McSwain, a lawyer at Duane Morris, expressed concerns about the district's ability to manage sensitive issues effectively. The firm has a history of trying to mitigate negative press, which could compromise the integrity of this investigation.

She stated that they are asking to hire an investigator or a law firm with demonstrated experience and expertise in civil rights investigations and cultural competence. We, the residents of Allentown, demand accountability and integrity from our local government. We have the right to expect a transparent and fair investigation into these serious allegations. We urge our fellow citizens to sign this petition to ensure our voices are heard. She stated that they are asking for that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Ocasio.

Attorney Maria Montero stated Council President she seeks permission to address a mischaracterization by Ms. Ocasio.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated certainly.

Attorney Maria Montero stated Mary K Brown is an attorney with Brown Nimeroff. Mary K Brown represents Council in a current litigation. She stated that she and Mary K Brown were tasked to identify an organization and to potentially conduct an investigation. She stated she and Mary K Brown created a rubric to assess the skillset with input from City Councilmembers. Regardless of any alleged conversations regarding budget, she was not shared any information on budget. Further, no budget information was shared with any applicants. She stated Council selected Duane Morris to conduct in the investigation, not herself, nor Mary K Brown. She stated that she does believe it is a misunderstanding because there happens to be two attorneys named Mary.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Attorney Maria Montero for pointing that out.

Ms. Amber Clark, Allentown, stated that she is hear to support the Petition that was just spoken of by the previous speaker. She stated that she has been disappointed and followed Ms. Affa for quite some time and has spoken in front of her a few times over a few years and is very disappointed in. The reason for Allentown being named in the lawsuit and the racists comments that have since been deleted from social media. She stated that she does support people in those positions recusing themselves and taking responsibility for that. Not only for it just to be the right thing to do and not making decisions until those lawsuits come to a close. It also shows the public that there is remorse. She stated that she is expressing support for this Petition.

Ms. Barbara Redmond, Allentown, PA stated that she also agrees that Ms. Affa should be removed from the investigation, especially since her name has been mentioned in the current investigation. She stated also there has been a Facebook post that was up against which to her was racist.

Making racists slurs about some of the people in the city of Allentown and the fact that the FBI were supposed to be investigating or doing an investigation here. She stated that the comment was made that the investigation and the FBI had to come a do an investigation against the people inside of city hall and the person who was involved in the noose. She stated that she feels as though Ms. Affa should bar herself from the investigation all together because of the fact that she made the statement, haha who a victim. Is it the employees or is it or the person the victim. She stated that she feels as though that is not fair and unethical for a City Councilperson to make that kind of comment on Facebook and then want to be a part of the investigation. She stated that it is just not right. She stated that she feels that Ms. Affa should just remove herself from the investigation and that is the right thing to do. The people in Allentown already have a Petition going out which we probably have to change a little bit, but they already have many people and lawyers involved in this investigation that they talk to about what's going on in the city of Allentown. She stated that they just don't want to keep it going. She stated if she removes herself from the investigation, she thinks everything will go forward and be quicker for everyone and it would be fair for all the employees involved and the people in Allentown who feels as though she is doing a discredit to the City Council as a whole.

Mr. Patrick Palmer stated that Mr. Hanlon said he ran out of cards so he doesn't have one to give. In light of some of what he is hearing, if an individual is named in the investigation and has a vote in that investigation. He thinks that individual should recuse themselves from voting on that particular investigation. He stated if that is what he is hearing, that person should recuse themselves. He pointed out a discrepancy here earlier and he is just noticing somethings. The first gentleman that was up here was able to speak for about five or six minutes and then Ms. Ocasio was cut off at about 3:30. He stated that he is noticing some discrepancies here. He stated that the first gentleman that was speaking about the afterhours clubs. He was allowed to speak for about six minutes. He stated that he notices some discrepancies and earlier when he was up here, he only got one minute. He wants to make sure it is pretty fair when people come up here because it is all of our rights to be able to speak when they are up here. He stated that there are Rules that they have set in place and to allow someone to break those Rules and cut someone else off.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that there were far more speakers waiting to speak then there are now. He stated that is why he allowed him more time to speak.

Mr. Patrick Palmer asked then why did you cut Karen off.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated Point of Order, this is not a conversation. The person should be speaking and none of them should be engaging with the person.

Mr. Patrick Palmer stated it is kind of what he was saying earlier.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he is the president and if he wishes to speak when someone is speaking, he will.

Mr. Patrick Palmer stated that he did not know there was special Rules for the president. He stated that he had no idea. He stated anyway, it is something that he wanted to go ahead and state because Ms. Ocasio got cut off at about three minutes and 30 seconds. She waited to be able to speak the entire night too. She has been here with them the whole time waiting. He stated you said thank you and cut her off.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if someone else on this Council back her up because he always shuts her down. This isn't supposed to happen.

Mr. Patrick Palmer stated to Mr. Hendricks you cut her off.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked for someone else help her out here.

Mr. Patrick Palmer stated that there has been a lot happening up here tonight that is not supposed to be happening.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if Mr. Palmer had anything else to speak of.

Mr. Patrick Palmer stated that he is still speaking.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, then finish up.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated that he still has time.

Mr. Patrick Palmer stated that he doesn't know why he asked him that question like your rushing him off here.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he is telling him to continue.

Mr. Patrick Palmer stated now, everyone is interrupting. He guesses he will just walk away and stated that is fine.

Mr. Phillip Brishell, Allentown, stated that he wants to quickly speak about the Allentown Disorderly Conduct City Ordinance. He stated that this is an ordinance that was last amended in 1951 and certainly reads like it says no

person shall unlawfully and willfully engage in or commit any disturbance loud and unusual noise, use any profane, scandalous, insulting and obscene lude filthy or other indecent language. He stated well, he doesn't think it is appropriate for the police officers of the city of Allentown to be arresting and criminally charging people for profane and insulting language. He stated that more so he thinks it goes beyond appropriate into it is illegal. He stated that we have Free Speech in this country. He stated that they have case law right down to the Supreme Court. This ordinance was last amended 20 years before Cohen v California. He thinks it is certainly time for a little review of this amendment. He stated that the City Solicitor has spoken frequently tonight about protecting the city from lawsuits and legal liabilities. He stated that he doesn't think having an unconstitutional city ordinance on the books is a great way to protect the city from getting sued. He knows for a fact that this ordinance is being enforced. He knows it is being enforced unconstitutionally. He stated that is going to cause problems for the city and going to cost the taxpayers their tax dollars when the city has to pay out those settlements. He encouraged Council to speak to their Solicitor and figure out a way to amend this amendment so it is not going against the Supreme Court Case Law that allows citizens to speak freely in this country. He stated to Daryl, he knows he spent 38 years on the police force. He stated that he thinks he will as president will recognize that cops shouldn't be arresting people just for cursing. He stated in fact, they saw someone curse on this podium a few minutes ago. That person, no big deal. the only difference what that is where nothing happens and situations where people get arrested is because police use it arbitrarily to punish people they don't like. He stated that it is very important that they at least amend this ordinance to fall in line with Constitutional guidelines that has been set forth on a national level. Thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there was anybody else, Mr. Hanlon.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he ran out of cards. He asked if anybody wanted to speak. He stated that it is Courtesy of the Floor if anybody wanted to speak.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if anybody else wish to address Council, please step forward. He stated that they ran out of cards. If there is anybody else that wishes to speak.

Ms. April Riddick, Allentown resident, stated hi everybody, how are you doing. She stated that she normally doesn't speak unless she has proof on things. She stated this is not speaking directed at anybody. It is the fact of trying to be transparent for the city that you represent. She stated that she doesn't have nothing against nobody, but to be transparent to the city of people that you are dealing with when it does come to the investigation,

she took it upon herself to ask people that she needs proof that that comment was made on Facebook. She stated that she has it here in front of her. She stated so she is asking them, when they choose to pick the people that are the Counsels that are picking the law firm or whatever it needs to be, she stated she is sorry to Candida when you post to Facebook, you have to watch it as a public official. She stated that you have to be careful what you say because what happens is, it can backfire and it could look bad. Right now, it doesn't look good.

Ms. Candida Affa asked do you have it there. Please read it. She stated that she is getting hammered here day after day after day.

Ms. April Riddick stated that she doesn't have a problem reading it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated speak to him, please.

Ms. April Riddick stated ok, she is sorry. She did not mean to have a conversation back and forth. She stated please give her that time. Candida Affa was accused of racism by Deputy Clerk, Candida Affa commented about Brown's case on social media and reading I am thinking of those poor employees, managers, the director who had to go through interviews and possible DNA testing. Not one refused. I repeat. Not one refused to cooperate. They are the workers that should be concerned about not one person claiming to be the victim.

Ms. Candida Affa stated to Mr. Hendricks that she would to clarify that if he doesn't mind.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated time is still running.

Ms. April Riddick stated she is just saying and coming as a concerned citizen. She stated that she is looking at Mr. Hendricks. When comments are made like that publicly, it does kind of put a damper.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she felt sorry for the people that had to go through this.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated Point of Order.

Ms. Candida Affa stated no.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that people come and attack her all the time and she doesn't jump in. She stated that she just let them attack her stating just let them attack you. As long as you know who you are in your heart, that is all that matters.

Ms. April Riddick stated that she is not attacking nobody.

Ms. Candida Affa stated oh, you are not attacking me.

Ms. April Riddick stated is what she is saying is when you are in a certain position, you have to be careful what you say publicly because it can be twisted. She stated what she is saying is true transparency to have clear and concise transparency as City Council when it comes to doing the investigation. That's why she thinks a person should be removed. What happens is it kinds of tarnishes. She stated that she understands that now more than ever. Before she even make comments, she asked her head person hey, this was made, what shall I say. As an elected official you have to be careful what you say publicly because it can be used against you.

Ms. Candida Affa stated to Ms. Riddick to be careful what she says publicly.

Ms. April Riddick stated that she does transparency.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated someone step in.

Ms. April Riddick stated that it is better when a certain person when that doubt is there, to make sure that people trust the City Council making decisions for the people of Allentown. Sometimes you have to do necessary means to gain that trust back from your community.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked is there anybody else.

Ms. Barbara Redmond stated me.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated no, you had one attempt. You don't get.

Ms. Barbara Redmond stated that it is a shame how you all act up here. This is disgraceful. It is very disgraceful.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated please, sit down. He asked is it anybody else that wishes to speak.

Contract Approvals

[15-7460](#)

R6

Authorization of Cooperative Contracts for various goods/services with Granturk Equipment Co, Inc, Levan Machine & Truck Equip, Whitmoyer Ford, Inc., Power Pro Equipment, Shi International Corp., Herman Goldner Co, Inc., Wireless Communications & Elec, & Advanced Electronic Design,

Inc.

Attachments: [R6 Cooperative](#)

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he does not believe Ms. McNeil is available at this point. Those were presented to Council in advance.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Sarrah is there.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that she is here.

Mr. Michael Hanlon asked are you there Sarrah. He stated Bina is here too.

Mayor Matt Tuerk asked does Council need an explanation of the contract presented.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked is someone speaking on it.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he has Sarrah and Bina on there. It is a Cooperative Agreement.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil asked can you hear me.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated yep.

Mr. Daryl Hendrick stated yes, loud and clear.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that Purchasing has reviewed all of the Cooperative Contracts and they are through various Cooperatives from Purchasing.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. McNeil. He asked if there were any comments from the dais or any questions or comments. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 31000

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-7452](#) December 18, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [December 18, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

[15-7463](#) January 15, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes (APA Update)

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [January 15, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes \(APA Update\)](#)

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

[15-7458](#) January 15, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [January 15, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Communications

Mr. Santo Napoli stated President Hendricks, he would like to mention to visitors who come to City Council meetings, you are encouraged to park in the government deck next door and to see the City Clerk for the parking validation to pay for your parking.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Napoli

Old Business

REPORTS**Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Santos, Gerlach**

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for February 19th at 5:30 PM.

Community and Economic Development, Chair Mota, Hendricks, Napoli

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

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

The Committee met on January 29th and forwarded two items on tonight's agenda; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Santos, Affa

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for February 19th at 6 PM.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Zucal, Mota

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for February 12th at 5:30 PM. In addition to the two bills being referred to the committee, we will be discussing and reviewing a resolution on community policing, a draft ordinance on predatory towing and, if time allows, we will begin to take a look at city hall security. (Perhaps, at this meeting, the committee could just get a quick overview of safety procedures and policies in place as an initial discussion.)

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Gerlach, Affa

The Committee met on January 29th and forwarded items on tonight's committee; the next meeting is scheduled for February 19th at 6:15 PM

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

The committee has not met since the last council meeting. There are no future meetings scheduled at this time. The committee is looking at set something up with the school district, county commissioners, Easton/Bethlehem Councils, and/or state representatives to get updates or discuss items of mutual concern in the near future.)

Controller's Report - PCard and Bank Rec Reports posted

[15-7487](#)

Controller Reports

Attachments: [Bank Rec Jan 27 issued.pdf](#)
[Bank Rec Jan 30 issued.pdf](#)
[PCard Sept review.pdf](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-7437](#)

Bill 1

Amending the 2024 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Five Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (\$567,951.31) from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund. The reason for this transfer is due to an audit that was conducted on the Liquid Fuels funding from 2016-2020. During that audit, a finding was presented that paving of more than one inch had to get prior approval from the Department of Transportation, and that was not done. This was not found in previous audits and corrected once we were made aware.

Attachments: [Bill 1 Liquid Fuels Transfer](#)
[Ordinance #16095.pdf](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was in his committee and sent favorably.

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

Enactment No: 16095

[15-7438](#)

Bill 2

Establishing a Latino Advisory Council to advise the Mayor and Council on issues relating to Latino affairs.

Sponsors: Mota, Affa, Hendricks and Gerlach

Attachments: [Bill 2 Latino Advisory Council](#)
[Ordinance #16096.pdf](#)

Ms. Natalie Santos stated that it was in her committee and forwarded favorably.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked does anyone need to make the amendment or is it as written.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that you have to make the amendment if you want to.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked if she can say something. She stated when they spoke about this committee, she remembers that Mr. Napoli was saying that it was going to be difficult to get a lot of involvement of more than nine people. She stated that question that she has is, she would not want nine

people to be in. It is going to be difficult to get people, especially for the Latino Advisory. She suggested to start with five and then they can move on, and they can change it if they need more.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if that would be an additional amendment and include that within that amendment.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked can they do that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked are you agreeable to add that to yours.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated it is hers.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated if that is what Dr. Mota wants, then yeah.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he has to agree with Ms. Mota on that. He thinks the numbers could be prohibitive.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated maybe a wording until 5 to 9. She said stating a specific amount like 9 would be a lot. She asked could they do from 5 to 9.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated that she thinks they mentioned during the committee meeting is that they start with a bigger number and then the Council can decide how many members they would like.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that is true, but they are going to have the pressure of getting nine right away and stating do you know what I mean. To be effective, she rather start small and then make it bigger.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated right now, this one has seven and he thinks when Ms. Holmes was here, she suggested moving the African American up 15.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated oh, no.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that is for the African American.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated no, seven. She stated that she believes Ms. Holmes might have the people. People would be very interested in doing that. She stated that she thinks that hers can stay like that. She stated that she is just concern and stated you know with the Latino one.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked are we going from seven to five or keeping it at seven.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated no, seven. She stated keep it at seven. Mr.

Michael Hanlon stated that only concern that you guys were discussing and it was raised by the mayor that he was asking about staff support.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that the reality is that they don't need any money. She stated that they are not asking for any money. She stated that she believes that City Council can have a Plan later on.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated yep.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Mayor Tuerk if he wanted to weigh in on this.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he doesn't need to add too much. He thinks that the concerns that the administration has was not related to resources. This money that the financial resources provide it was specifically related to time. The organization, the work to coordinate meetings, to solicit members, to post agendas. Those types of things do take time and requires city staff do it. Those are the concerns that the administration has related to the creation of any new Council.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she believes that if they later on hire someone more or have an intern, the intern can take over and help us out with that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated Ms. Gerlach.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she would say those concerns are valid and not specific to just these two Councils or Commissions. She stated that it is a broader concern that with all their authority, boards and commissions who is in charge of what in order for them to be executed. She remembers a member of the Commission on the Homelessness came here and there was a lack of communication between your office Council and him. She stated stuff wasn't happening and hopefully is now. She stated just in general, while that is a valid concern, it is not a concern that is specific just to the African American and Latino Councils. It is broader stating that should not even factor in how someone votes. It is a bigger issue than this.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he agrees.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she thinks that this is important and will help them out, a lot. It will get people involved from the community involved. She stated that perhaps they will have a better understanding on what's going on in our community if they here from community members. It will get people engaged. She stated that is what we want.

Mr. Michael Hanlon asked if Council wanted to do a quick vote on the amendment. You haven't voted on the amendment yet.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated right.

A motion was made by Ce-Ce Gerlach, seconded by Natalie Santos, that this Bill be amended to take the language of the African American Advisory suggesting appointments to the mayor and change it to Council.

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

Enactment No: 16096

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

Enactment No: 16096

[15-7439](#)

Bill 3

Establishing a African-American Advisory Council is to advise the Mayor and Council on any relating to African-American issues.

Sponsors: Mota, Affa, Gerlach and Hendricks

Attachments: [Bill 3 African-American Affairs Advisory Council.docx](#)
[Ordinance #16097.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated Ms. Santos.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated that this one was also in her committee and forwarded favorably with a recommendation that the board be changed to 15 members.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated for the sake of conversation she will make the Motion that the board be changed to 15 members.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated how many.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated 15 members. Right now, it is not 15. She asked what is it like nine or something.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated it says 15.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked what did she want.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated it was before. Now, it is already changed.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated right now, he has seven. He stated he thinks that they were suggesting 12 and then she suggested 15. He stated then Ms. Gerlach said she wanted to do 15.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that in the legislation itself, it states seven. She stated so an amendment is needed. She stated that Ms. Holmes wanted 15 so.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that you are right.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated 15, it is ok.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated she said it that the board is to be changed to 15. You are right.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, 15 is the number.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that is what Ms. Holmes wanted.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, now we are on the Bill itself.

A motion was made by Ce-Ce Gerlach, seconded by Natalie Santos, to change the membership from seven to 15 in this Bill

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

Enactment No: 16097

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

Enactment No: 16097

[15-7442](#)

Bill 5

Amending the 2024 Trexler Fund by authorizing a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Fund in the amount of Eighty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen Dollars and One Cent (\$85,416.01) to the Jordan Skatepark capital budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. These funds will complete the construction of Phase 2 of the skatepark and is part of the 2024-25 Trexler Capital Project allocation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 5 - Capital 2024 Skatepark Allocation](#)
[Ordinance #16098.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this was in your committee, Ms. Gerlach.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated yes, it was forwarded favorably to tonight's meeting.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from

the dais or any comments from the public.

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 16098

[15-7444](#)

Bill 6

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ninety Thousand (\$90,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to support improvements to upgrade the final pavilion at Rose Garden #1.

Attachments: [Bill 6 - Rose Garden Grant Ordinance #16099.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated Ms. Gerlach, this was in your committee.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated yep, indeed it was and it was forwarded favorably to tonight's meeting.

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

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

Enactment No: 16099

[15-7443](#)

Bill 7

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Twenty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Six Cents (\$24,417.06) from Irving Pool Improvements capital project into Jordan Skatepark for construction of Phase 2.

Attachments: [Bill 7 - Parks Skatepark Transfer Ordinance #16100.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Ms. Gerlach is this also in your committee.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated yes. It was forwarded favorably to tonight's meeting.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Gerlach. He asked if there were any comments or questions or comments from the dais or from the public.

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

Enactment No: 16100

[15-7445](#)

Bill 8

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000) to the newly created capital account for the design of the traffic signal upgrades at 17th and Linden Street, 17th and Turner Street, 17th and Chew Street, and 17th and Walnut Street intersections. This project is part of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant (MTF-DCED) that the City was awarded. This will fund the design for upgrades to the four intersections on 17th Street. The City was awarded \$250,000 as part of the MTF-DCED grant that is reimbursable, and the \$75,000 is considered the City's match that is required per the grant agreement.

Attachments: [Bill 8 - MTF-DCED 17th Street Ordinance #16101.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated to Mr. Zucal that this was in your committee.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes. It was sent favorably.

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

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he would only offer that this is part of a critically needed investment in traffic safety. Just two nights ago there was a hit and run accident at the corner of 17th and Hamilton which left and put a pedestrian in the hospital. He stated that he appreciates Council acting on expediency on the investment of funds to our roadways in Allentown.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mayor Tuerk.

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

Enactment No: 16101

[15-7446](#)

Bill 9

Amending the 2025 General Fund budget by transferring \$150,000.00 from the Health Bureau, Administration program to a new Health Bureau, Unsheltered Coordination Services program to fund the Unsheltered Services Coordinator position (11N), with a total annual salary of \$68,987.

Attachments: [Bill 9 Unsheltered Services Coordinator.doc](#)
[Unhoused Services Coordinator Job Description_FT.docx](#)
[Homeless Services Coordinator Job Description.pdf](#)
[Ordinance #16102.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this was in your committee, Ms. Mota.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated yes, Mr. President and it was sent favorably.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanks Dr. Mota. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she would like to make any amendment so it is official. She stated for Letter D, she would like to change the word all to the majority of. She stated that the concern was that Number 1, it is impossible to account for all unsheltered folks and there maybe some that do not want to be on the list. She stated that is the first amendment and the second amendment would be for the administration and our new HR Director to explore if lived experience can be added as one of the skillsets that is being sought after in this position. She stated that she would put them separately in case.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that the administration will support both of those amendments considered together.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated together and said OK. She stated yeah, alright.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if the administration is ok with those changes. He opened it up to the dais and asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments on the Bill or any comments from the public.

A motion was made by Ce-Ce Gerlach, seconded by Natalie Santos, that this Bill be amended to have the first one in Letter D to change the word all to the majority of and add to the job description to ask for lived experience as a skill set for the Housing Coordinator

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

Enactment No: 16102

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

Enactment No: 16102

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that they have four items on the Consent Agenda. The appointment of Mr. Hendricks to the Vacant Property Review Board/Blighted Property Review Committee. The appointment of AJ Jordan to HARB. The appointment of Alex Encelewski to the HARB and a Resolution that authorizes the disposition of records pursuant to state

schedules.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[15-7453](#)

R7

Daryl Hendricks, Vacant Property Review Board/Blighted Property Review Committee Appointment, 12/31/2025
Member of Council (Replacing Candida Affa)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R7 Daryl Hendricks - Vacant Property Review Board Blighted Property Review Committee](#)

Enactment No: 31001

[15-7454](#)

R8

AJ Jordan, Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB), 05/05/2027

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R8 AJ Jordan - HARB](#)
[AJ Jordan - HARB Application \(4-6-2021\)](#)

Enactment No: 31002

[15-7455](#)

R9

Alex Encelewski, Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB), 01/07/2028

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R9 Alex Encelewski - HARB](#)
[Alex Encelewski - HARB Application \(10-18-21\)](#)

Enactment No: 31003

[15-7465](#)

R10

Authorizes the disposition of certain records within the Allentown Health Bureau.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R10 Health Files for Destruction](#)
[Health Bureau Files for Destruction](#)

Enactment No: 31004

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):[15-7410](#)

R233

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 523.5 N 6th Street

Sponsors: Administration**Attachments:** [R233 Denial - 523.5 N 6th St](#)[FINAL Pre-Review 523.5 N 6th Street Facade Alterations](#)[523.5 N 6th St-WITHDRAWN PHONE NOTICE](#)**This Resolution was withdrawn.**[15-7464](#)

R11

Authorizes the submission of a Formal Application for funding from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Initiative in the amount of approximately One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for safety improvements on Hanover Avenue and East Linden Street.

Sponsors: Administration**Attachments:** [R11 - Asphalt Art Grant](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 31005

[15-7466](#)

R12

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of the Allentown Art Museum to support the construction of a new facility.

Sponsors: Administration**Attachments:** [R12 - Allentown Arts Museum LSA](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any comments or questions from his colleagues.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated a quick one. She knows this is kind of like a passthrough situation, but just even still, there are going to build a new facility or add on to their facility. Are they still going to be in Allentown. Even if it is a passthrough type of situation, she won't support to something that would lead to them leaving Center City.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he can speak as an ex-officio member to the Art Museum board. The museum board has expressed a desire to stay in

the city of Allentown and make an investment in the city of Allentown. He stated that he can't speak exactly to the location that they have in mind, but he can say for certain that it is outside the city of Allentown.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if they knew if it was going to remain in Center City, in the arts kind of district. Where the Arts Walk is.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated correct, it will stay in downtown Allentown.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated downtown Allentown.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated yes.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok. Thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there was anybody else. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 31006

[15-7467](#)

R13

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of the National Scenic Museum to support its facility rehabilitation and operations.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R13 National Scenic Museum LSA](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Council and asked if there were any.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that this is another application to a local share account for a walkable map of the city of Allentown. It is less money for this application, but it is for state funds to invest in a facility in the city of Allentown.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there are any questions, comments for his colleagues. He asked if there are any comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 31007

[15-7468](#)

R14

Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) to

support Da Vinci Science Center.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R14 RACP Da Vinci](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais. He stated that this is pretty and then asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated nope, he was talking to Ms. Mota.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that he shouldn't be talking to her.

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

Enactment No: 31008

[15-7470](#)

R15

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of Resurrected Life Community Development Corporation (RCDC) to support its rehabilitation and program expansion.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R15 RCDC LSA Grant](#)

Mr. Michael Hanlon thanked Mr. Hanlon. He asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked a question and stated maybe you can answer this. She asked how do these organizations apply. How does this work? Why these organizations? How did they find out about it? Who made the decision? How does that work?

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he believes it goes to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. They posted an open period for applications. There is a single application on the DCED website. His understanding is typically an organization will work with one of it legislators, typically a State Rep. In this case, Resurrected Life he believes would have worked with Representative Siegel. He stated that he believes that the walking map worked with Senator Miller. They worked with there Allentown Representatives to forward applications to that LSA Fund. He stated that they don't see projects that aren't in the city of

Allentown. They may work with other municipalities they represent on other projects in Emmaus or South Whitehall or wherever. They work with their Representatives.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated she got it. She stated that we are the last step. They don't have to get us to sign off on anything before they go to their Rep.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated correct.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that there are a lot of good organizations out there that can use \$2 million.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that if they should have to put an eligible project together and many of those organizations would be eligible. It is typically a match that is associated with it. This is a product of a lot of work that each organization has put in to create a project that DCED would invest in.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated alright, thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there is anybody else. He asked if there are any comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 31009

[15-7469](#)

R16

Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to support the Baum School of Art.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R16 RACP The Baum School of Art](#)

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

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

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: 31010

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

Enactment No: 31010

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to Committee with public comment prior to referral)[15-7471](#)

Bill 11

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand (\$175,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to support design of MLK Trail Phase 2 (LP East to Cedar Park).

Attachments: [Bill 11 MLK Trail Phase 2 DCED Grant](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-7472](#)

Bill 12

Amending the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Nine Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$963,000.00) from the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant to the City of Allentown Police Department. These funds will be utilized as reimbursement of expenses for new equipment purchased.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 12 Police JAG Appropriation 2024](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-7473](#)

Bill 13

Amending the 2025 Equipment Fund Budget to provide for an increase of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the purchase of a heavy-duty lift truck for the Traffic Bureau as part of the Pennsylvania Local Share Account Grant the City was awarded. This grant is fully reimbursable and once the equipment has been purchased, the City will be reimbursed.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 13 Public Works LSA](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-7475](#)

Bill 14

Amending the Administrative Code, Chapter 177, Bicycles, by bringing the code into compliance with the Pa. State vehicle code, updating the definition of bicycle to pedalcycle to be consistent with the Pa. Vehicle Code, repealing chapters 177-3 through 177-7 (advise the police department to direct bike owners to register their bikes in a national data base), repealing various sections of the code that are superseded by the PA Vehicle Code and amending Chapter 319, Hamilton Street Regulations, updating the term bicycles to pedalcycles.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Mota, Napoli, Santos, Mr. Zucal and Administration

Attachments: [Bill 14 Bike CAT.docx](#)
[Allentown Bicycle Ordinance Updates 1-24-2025.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any comments from the public. He stated yes, sir stating it is a good thing you ride bicycles so you can keep the stamina up to get through the meetings.

Mr. Scott Slingerland, CAT (Coalition for Appropriate Transportation), stated that they are a Lehigh Valley wide Nonprofit for bicycle education and pedestrian safety and public transit. He stated that they collaborated with this project with the students at Community Bike Works reviewing bicycle ordinances in the city of Allentown. He stated that their goal was to improve public awareness, safety and consistency between municipal ordinances in the Pennsylvania State Vehicle Code. He stated that their big goal in addition to making the laws consistent was to support their efforts to educate bicycles and motorists about each others responsibilities and rights on the road. He thanked Council for considering this Bill and mentioned an additional aspect of this project was for high school students to learn the process by which municipal ordinances are adopted as well as they share their experiences using bicycles for transportation and mobility. He stated that he hopes that Council will hear from them in the committee meeting next week.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he wanted to express his gratitude to the Coalition for Appropriate Transportation for taking the time to work with the Allentown Youth on this effort. He sat here and spoke to some of the youth related to their concerns and talked them through the process. He stated that he thinks that Council owes a debt of gratitude to the young people of Allentown for taking a look at some of its more antiquated ordinances. He stated perhaps there are opportunities for young people in Allentown that assist with review of additional antiquated ordinances.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this was certainly an antiquated ordinance which needed updating. He stated that he was in charge of the traffic unit in the Police Department and things have change quite a bit even since then.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that E-Bikes have a lot to do with it now.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated yes and stated they did not have those.

Ms. Candida Affa stated you have to abide by all the Rules. It is very important now to get this out there.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

[15-7474](#)

R17

Resolution provided by City of Allentown Police and Fire Civil Service Board Requesting the Mayor stagger the terms of the City of Allentown Police and Fire Civil Service Board

Sponsors: Mota and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [R17 Stagger.docx](#)
[John S. Stribula - Civil Service Board.pdf](#)

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he believes Mr. Stribula who chairs that board was here earlier, but probably went to bed. He stated that he is sure Mr. Stribula will attend the committee meeting to provide testimony.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he knows that it was going to committee.

REFERRED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURNED: 7:33 PM

[15-6577](#)

Reference Materials:
Council Rules
Procurement Code
Ethics Code

Attachments: [Procurement Code](#)
[Ethics Code](#)
[Rules](#)