



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Please observe the Rules of Council when given privilege of the floor. A copy of the Council Rules can be found on the council agenda on the website. 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. When speakers have the privilege of the floor, personal insults, attacks, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose of conducting official business will not be tolerated.

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

You are given the privilege of the floor to provide public comment; it is not a question and answer session. State your position clearly and concisely for consideration. If you speak 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. Please be aware that comments and/or behavior in violation of these rules will result in a forfeiture of all remaining time and you will be asked to return to your seat.

Contract Approvals

R141

Authorization for Contract with American Fireworks Company in the amount of \$30,000.00

per contract year for the coordination of the annual Fireworks display as part of the 2026 July 4th Celebration and Festival. One (1) bid was received, contract shall be for one (1) year with two (2) additional one (1) year renewals beyond the contract expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R141 - American Fireworks Company](#)

R142

Authorization for Contract with Aspirant Consulting Group in the amount of \$18,500.00 per contract year to design, administer, score, and support a comprehensive two-phase promotional examination process for the rank of Police Sergeant. This process will consist of a written examination and an oral assessment, both of which must adhere to the City of Allentown's Civil Service Rules and be conducted under the direction of the Civil Service Board. The contract term shall commence upon full execution and shall cease one (1) year thereafter. The contract may be extended for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms beyond the contract expiration period at the same annual terms of the initial term.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R142 - Aspirant Consulting Group](#)

R143

Authorization Engagement of Professional Services with Heritage Conservation Collective in the amount of \$19,050.00 for the services of a consulting firm for conservation services for our WPA structures at Lehigh Parkway. This Project involves conservation services including producing construction bid documents and providing construction administration for the WPA staircase and landings along Park Drive in Lehigh Parkway.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R143 - Heritage Conservation Collective](#)

R144

Authorization for Contract with MGT Impact Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$39,339.00 to provide a fee study for all fees and review types administered through the Bureau of Planning and Zoning. Five (5) proposals were received, contract shall be for one (1) year and may be extended for up to an additional three (3) months beyond the contract expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R144 - MGT](#)

R145

Authorization Engagement of Professional Services with Michael Baker International in the amount of \$72,708.00 for the addition of an NPDES permit, post construction stormwater management (PCSM) plans to the design of the MLK Trail Phase 1 project at the direction of DEP/Lehigh County Conservation District. This scope also includes revisions to the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, bid specification documents, and the cost estimate to add the PCSM items to the project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R145 - Michael Baker Int](#)

R146

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for PR Commercial Painting LLC and Traffic Logix Corporation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R146 - 10.15.2025](#)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Communications

Old Business

REPORTS**Budget Meetings: Council President Hendricks**

The Budget meetings will be run by the Committees and their Chairs. That schedule will be covered in the committee reports that follow; I will then work with Council to set up meetings of the full body to act on amendments, take public comment, and adopt the budget bills.

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Santos, Gerlach

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for October 22 at 6 PM to review the budget. This will be inclusive of a general overview, 5 Year Plan, Revenue and Expenditure estimates; Budget and Finance budgets, Debt Service Fund, Risk Management Fund and Capital Projects

Community and Economic Development, Chair Mota, Hendricks, Napoli

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for October 22 at 6:30 PM to review the CED budget, inclusive of Rental Unit Licensing Fund, Federal Funds, and Housing Fund.

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for October 29th at 6 PM for a budget review inclusive of Human Resources, Information Services, Solicitor, Controller and Council.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Santos, Affa

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for October 29th at 6:30 PM to review the legislation being referred to the committee and review of the budget inclusive of.....

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Zucal, Mota

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for November 5 at 5:45 PM to review the Public Safety budget inclusive of the Police, Fire and EMS budgets.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Gerlach, Affa

The Committee has not met since the last meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for November 5th at 6:15 PM – the committee will review Bill 81 and the Public Works budget inclusive of Solid Waste Fund, Liquid Fuels, Administrative Order Fund, and Stormwater Fund.

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.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**Bill 69**

Chapter 660 Zoning Ordinance. Repealing Chapter 660, Zoning, in its entirety and adopting a new Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 69 Zoning Code Amendment](#)
[Exhibit A - Zoning Ordinance -- Exhibit B - Zoning Maps](#)
[LVPC letter Zoning Update.pdf](#)
[ACPC Public Hearing Draft Memo 7-3-25 \(2\).pdf](#)
[07_July_Minutes_FINAL_ZONE_Allentown_Excerpt.pdf](#)
[ACPC Actions ZONE Allentown 2025-09-10.pdf](#)
[Zone Allentown ACPC Sept Minutes.pdf](#)

Bill 70

Chapter 350 Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Repealing Chapter 350, Land Development and Subdivision, in its entirety and adopting a new Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 70 - SALDO Amendment](#)
[Exhibit A - SALDO Public Hearing Draft](#)
[LVPC Letter - SALDO Update.pdf](#)

Bill 75

Amending the 2025 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Three Dollars (\$26,703.00) from the PA DCED Local Share Account Grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Allentown Patriots Athletic Association.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 75 - Allentown Patriots LSA Appropriation](#)

Bill 76

Amending the 2025 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) from the PA State Office of the Budget RACP grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Da Vinci Science Center.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 76 - Da Vinci RACP Appropriation](#)

Bill 77

Amending Page 378 of the 2025 Equipment Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Twenty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$27,910.00) from the General Fund Fire Department Equipment Account for additional costs associated with Seagraves Pumper VIN # 1F9EB28T6SCST2052 and Seagraves Pumper #

1F9EB28T4SCST2051.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 77 - Equipment Fund Transfer Fire Pumper](#)

Bill 78

Amending the 2025 Trexler Fund by authorizing a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Fund in the amount of Seventy-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Five Dollars (\$77,805.00) and an appropriation from the Cedar Beach Improvements fund in the amount of One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (\$1,684.91) to the Roosevelt Park capital budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. These funds will be used to construct a spray park and are a part of the 2024-25 Trexler Capital Project allocation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 78 - Roosevelt Park Allocation](#)

Bill 79

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Nine (\$72,869.00) Dollars from the Allentown Parknership to support construction of a basketball court. This is a reimbursement from the Parknership.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 79 - Stevens Park Basketball Court](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

R147

Sewage Planning Module at 424 - 434 N 11th Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R 147 424-434 N 11th Street - Sewage Planning Module.doc](#)
[424-434 N 11th Street - Sewage Planning Module.pdf](#)

R148

Sewage Planning Module at ASD Family Resource and Engagement Center

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R148 ASD Family Resource and Engagement Center - Sewage Planning Modu](#)
[ASD FERC Sewer Planning Module.pdf](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R149

Mayor Matt Tuerk and Allentown City Council hereby dedicate the 500 block of Hickory Street as Jerry Christian Way.

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

Attachments: [R149 Christian.doc](#)
 [Jerry Christian Letter Signed.pdf](#)

R150

A Resolution appointing four Police Officers, as Patrolmen, at a base salary of \$70,493, contingent upon the candidate passing physical and psychological examinations as stipulated in the Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations and obtaining and maintaining a valid state certification from the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R150 - Hiring Patrolmen](#)

R151

Approves the following transfer:

Treasury - \$24,000.00 (Additional costs to Cheiron were incurred in 2025 and \$16,000 that was budgeted for in 2024 was paid out in 2025 due to a significantly late invoice from Cheiron).

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R151 Additional costs to Cheiron were incurred in 2025 and \\$16,000 that was t](#)
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R152

Approves the following transfer: Risk Management - \$5,923,052.27

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R152 Risk Transfers.doc](#)
 [Risk - Transfer from remaining unused Amounts Available in the Current Risk Fi](#)

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

Bill 80

Amending the 2025 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$388,000) from FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance, grant will be utilized to purchase and install new sprinkler systems in each of the fire stations.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 80 - Fire Sprinkler FEMA Grant Appropriation](#)

Bill 81

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million One Hundred Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$1,105,491.39) from UGI for the construction of ADA handicap ramps and milling and paving streets under the City's Utility Paving Program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 81 - UGI Cost Share Purchase](#)

Bill 82

Amending the 2025 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$76,600.00) from FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters grant. These funds will be utilized to purchase of Fire Alarm System installations at four of the fire stations for the Allentown Fire Department.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 82 - Fire Alarms FEMA Grant Appropriation](#)

Bill 83

AN ORDINANCE Protecting Public Health and Safety, Reducing the Harms Experienced by Unsheltered/Homeless Residents, and creating procedures relating to city responses to people who are homeless living outdoors and setting standards and procedures for remedying unsafe conditions and protecting the rights and property of homeless individuals.

Sponsors: Gerlach and Santos

Attachments: [Bill 83 -Encampment Closure Ordinance.docx](#)

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

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

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

Reference Materials:

Council Rules

Procurement Code

Ethics Code

Attachments: [Procurement Code](#)

[Ethics Code](#)

[Rules](#)