



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, June 1, 2016

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Invocation: Julio Guridy

#### Pledge to the Flag

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 5 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, and Candida Affa

**Excused:** 2 - Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

#### Courtesy of the Floor

#### Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. Lou Hershman, 405 N. Gilmore Street, stated that a month ago he came to discuss Bill 17 - Trexler Fund to Golf Course Fund. He had concerns that there was not sufficient amount of money in the unappropriated balance. He asked Council to amend the Bill. He stated that Mr. Hartzell confirmed that there is more money in the unappropriated account.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that the Bill was passed in anticipation of additional revenues that we were anticipating and getting from the Trexler Fund.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked anyone else for Courtesy of the Floor.

#### Approval of Minutes: May 18 Council and Special Meetings

#### MINUTES APPROVED BY COMMON CONSENT

[15-906](#) May 18, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [48 May 18 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

**15-905** May 18, 2016 City Council Special Meeting Contract Review and Approval Minutes

**Attachments:** 49 May 18 City Council Special Meeting Contract Review and Approval Minutes

[15-904](#) May 18, 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [47 May 18 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-903](#) May 18, 2016 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [46 May 18 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-902](#) May 18, 2016 Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [45 May 18 Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

## **Old Business: NONE**

### **Communications:**

#### **Allentown Band Proclamation**

#### **Announcement of Executive Session:**

**City Council held an Executive Session this evening with the City Solicitor at 4:45 pm to review pending litigation involving Patriot's Park. This subject matter is an exception to the open meeting requirement under the Sunshine Law."**

Mr. Ray O'Connell read the Proclamation:

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That:

WHEREAS, Allentown Band was formed in 1828 and is a prominent feature of nineteenth-century musical Americana; and

WHEREAS, Allentown Band preserves and advances the heritage of concert band music by providing quality, inspiring performances and education in partnership with the community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Allentown Band schedule includes roughly forty yearly performances from concert stages, baseball parks, from church picnics and university commencements; and

WHEREAS, many leading figures of the music world have appeared as guest conductors with the Allentown Band and the honors and awards accumulated over the years from various state and national music and music educators & associations have been celebrated; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2016, Allentown Band performed at one of the most prestigious concert halls in the world, Carnegie Hall in the showcase concert of the 10th Annual New York International Music Festival.

NOW, THEREFORE ALLENTOWN CITY COUNCIL does hereby celebrate Allentown Band for its performance at Carnegie Hall as part of the 10th

Annual New York International Music Festival.

Mr. Ronald Demkee and Mr. Jon Conrad accepted on behalf of the Allentown Band. Mr. Demkee stated that he is grateful for the recognition and appreciates it. The Band represented Allentown locally and internationally. We hope that we can continue this amazing transition a lot longer and invited everyone to the 40 concerts throughout the season.

Mr. Jon Conrad thanked Council and stated that it is an honor to be a part of the band and represent the city.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that he knows Mr. Demkee's name for many years and knows many members of the band. Fifty years and a member and 39 years as a Conductor. Mr. Ringer is a huge supporter to your band and was instrumental to the band.

Mr. Don Ringer stated that he was at the concert and you don't realize how terrific the whole band is. They received three standing ovations at Carnegie Hall.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he did read the review in The Morning Call which gave The Allentown Band an outstanding review. You Rock! Great Job!

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:****Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota****The Committee met this evening; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.****Community and Economic Development: Chair McGuire, Guridy, Mota****The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for June 15 at 6:45 PM.****Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Affa, MacLean, McGuire****The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.****Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Affa, O'Connell****The Committee met this evening; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.****Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, MacLean, Affa****The Committee has not met since the last meeting; a meeting is scheduled for June 15 at 6:30 PM****Public Works: Chair MacLean, McGuire, O'Connell****The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.****Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair O'Connell, Hendricks, Guridy****The Committee has not met since the last meeting; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.****City Controller's Report**

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that he has no report. A list of all the audits is on the Controller's part of the website and they are easy to request. It is the goal of the Controller's office to make them more easily available online in the not so distant future.

**APPOINTMENTS:**[15-619](#)

Re/appointment - Vacant Property Review Board/Blighted Property Review Committee, Electricians' Examining Board and Ethics Board

Marlene E. Granitz (reappointment)

Vacant Property Review Board/Blighted Property Review Committee

01/04/2019

Joseph Medl

Vacant Property Review Board/Blighted Property Review Committee  
01/05/2018

Charles Thiel  
Vacant Property Review Board/Blighted Property Review Committee  
01/07/2017

Walter C. Clouse, Jr.  
Electricians' Examining Board 01/25/2019

Attorney Robert Donatelli (reappointment)  
Ethics Board  
12/15/2018

**Attachments:** [Charles F. Thiel - Vacant Property Review Board Blighted Property Review Committee](#)  
[Joseph Medl - Vacant Property Review Board Blighted Property Review Committee](#)  
[Marlene E. Granitz - Vacant Property Review Board Blighted Property Review Committee](#)  
[Robert E. Donatelli - Ethics Commission](#)  
[Walter C. Clouse Jr. - Electricians' Examining Board](#)  
[Memo from Mayor Pawlowski -Appointments](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Affa and asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

Mr. Ray O'Connell congratulated the appointments and reappointments. Mr. Thiel is in attendance this evening and Attorney Donatelli is sitting in the first row.

Attorney Robert Donatelli stated that he was appointed last year to fill an appointment for one year that expired and I am being appointed now. I have enjoyed serving the city in this capacity.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked both Mr. Thiel and Attorney Donatelli for their service and your commitment to the City of Allentown and look forward to working with you in the near future.

**Yes:** 5 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, and Candida Affa

Enactment No: 29275

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

[15-820](#)

Bill 26 Budget and Finance, this evening  
Amending the 2016 General Fund budget by deleting the position of Office Manager (09N) in the Bureau of Accounting & Financial Management and adding the position of Financial Analyst (14N) in the Bureau of Finance &

Budget Administration. The annual salary is \$59,000, funded as a result of transfers from Accounting and Financial Management to Finance and Budget Administration.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 26 Financial Analyst](#)  
[Finance Reorg Memo](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. O'Connell and stated that it passed unanimously 3 - 0. We moved it forward favorably. It is changing one position to another.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 5 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, and Candida Affa

Enactment No: 15290

[15-854](#)

Bill 27 CEDC, this evening  
Amending the 2016 General Fund Budget by transferring \$165,000 from the unappropriated balance to the Building Standards and Safety Bureau Other Contract Services account for the demolition of properties in the 300 Block of North Tenth Street as a result of the sink hole that was discovered in 2012.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 27 Transfer for 10th Sreet Demo](#)  
[Bill 27 Memo](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that this Bill was moved forward favorably 2 - 0. It is for four properties that were part of the sinkhole. One can be saved and the other three have to be demolished.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 5 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, and Candida Affa

Enactment No: 15291

[15-855](#)

Bill 28 CEDC, this evening  
Amending the 2016 Grant Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of \$1,700.00 from the PA Historical and Museum Commission, to provide for training for the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB).

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 28 Ordinance for PHMC grant funds](#)  
[PHMC grant hosted program ordinance](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it moved forward favorably to full Council, 2 - 0.  
It is basically to provide some training to the HARB Board and for large and empty historic buildings.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 5 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, and Candida Affa

Enactment No: 15292

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

[15-895](#)

R107 Parks and Rec, this evening  
Authorization for Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP)  
Grant Submission in the amount of \$250,000 from the Commonwealth  
Financing Authority to be used for MLK Trail Development Project.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R107 GTRP MLK Trail](#)

[GTRP 2- MLK Trail](#)

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

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Mota and asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 5 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, and Candida Affa

Enactment No: 29276

[15-896](#)

R108 Parks and Rec, this evening  
Authorization for Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP)  
Grant Submission in the amount of \$85,000 from the Commonwealth  
Financing Authority to be used for Incinerator Site Planning Project

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R108 GTRP Incinerator Site Planning](#)

[Memo - R108- Incinerator Site Master Plan](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that this Resolution was moved forward favorably,  
3 - 0.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 5 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, and Candida Affa

Enactment No: 29277

[15-900](#)

R109 Appointment of 8 Police Officers  
Anthony Lytle, Hope, NJ

Jamil Newsome, Allentown, PA  
Robbie Gruber, Palmerton, PA  
Ralphie Ortega, Tobyhanna, PA  
Michael Hammer, Nazareth, PA  
Christopher Longo, Allentown, PA  
Eric Sbat, Strousburg, PA  
Zachariah Pritchard, Allentown, PA

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R109 Hiring Officers](#)  
[Hiring - 8 Officers - 5-23-16](#)

Chief Keith Morris stated with the appointment of eight, that put us up to 221 police officers. One off of our target. Three of them are currently police officers in other jurisdictions and three are residents of the City of Allentown.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that he sees a little diversity.

Chief Keith Morris stated that within the seven months since he has been promoted, they have hired 18 officers and 40 percent reflects diversity.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated fantastic. He asked any comments from my colleagues.

Mr. Julio Guridy commended the Chief and the entire police department. He is super-happy to see three of them from Allentown. he likes to see the diversity of it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks commended Chief Keith Morris. He stated that he has been pushing to have these done quickly and knows the difficulty of doing so. Please convey to your staff, the men and women who did the backgrounds for the great job they have done. He is happy that they have police officers that are home-grown from the city. One of which his father served with me on the Police Department.

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Enactment No: 29278

[15-901](#)

R113

Supports House Bill 17, an amendment to the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act that tightens up the forfeiture law for public officials and employees convicted, pleading guilty or no contest to certain crimes relating to their public office

**Sponsors:** Hendricks, O'Connell, Mota, Affa, MacLean and McGuire

**Attachments:** [R113 Pension](#)

[Bill 17](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any discussions from my colleagues about this.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that his name is not there as a Sponsor, but he did talk to Mr. Hanlon and never got back to him. He wants to be considered as a Sponsor.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that he wants Mr. Guridy to do that so we would have all City Council members supporting House Bill 17. He asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 5 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, and Candida Affa

Enactment No: 29279

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

[15-888](#)

Bill 29 CEDC

Amending the 2016 Grant Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of \$16,250 as a result of a grant from PA Historical and Museum Commission to provide for residential outreach and review of applications for the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB).

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 29 Ordinance for PHMC grant funds2](#)

[PHMC consultant and outreach grant Ordinance](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

[15-892](#)

Bill 30 Public Safety

Amending the 2016 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$300 as a result of a donation from Krupa Financial LLC to be used toward the purchase of K-9 equipment for the

Police Department.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 30 Ordinance for police donation- Krupa](#)  
[Memo Bill 30](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

[15-893](#)

Bill 31 Public Safety

Amending the 2016 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of \$1,575 as a result of a donation for the L.I.F.E. (Living with Integrity for Future Excellence Program) an Allentown Youth Initiative.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 31 Ordinance for police donation- L.I.F.E.](#)  
[Bill 31 Memo](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

[15-894](#)

Bill 32 Public Safety

Amending the 2016 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of \$10,000 as a result a donation from Helen Steedle to be used towards the purchase of Tasers for the Police Department

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 32 Ordinance for Police Donation 3](#)  
[Memo Bill 32](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

*Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he wanted to point out that he has been noticing a lot more deterioration in our streets. He stated that he never seen it like this before throughout many streets throughout the city.*

*Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that Mr. Guridy is absolutely right.*

*Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that at any time that he would run into difficulty on the roadways and the streets, don't hesitate and send an email to Mr. Messinger. I have sent them several and they have been right on top of it.*

*Ms. Candida Affa agreed with Mr. Hendricks. She stated that she knows it is an inconvenience, but it is work that is being done. It is not of neglecting of our streets. It is construction everywhere.*

*Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Guridy and asked anything else for Good and Welfare.*

**ADJOURNED: 8:03 PM**

[15-523](#) Committee Members

**Attachments:** [Committee Members - 2016](#)

[15-382](#) Council Rules

**Attachments:** [Council Rules](#)