



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Please observe the Rules of Council when addressing the body. A full copy of Council Rules can be found on the city website or by email if you contact Council office.

There are multiple opportunities to address Council. Individuals can speak during Courtesy of the Floor (addressing items not on the agenda) and during Bills and Resolutions on Final Passage and Introduction. When given the Floor, please go to the podium and state your name and address. All remarks must be directed towards the presiding officer or council as a body; not a particular Council member or elected official, the audience or city staff. Unless otherwise determined, individuals shall have three minutes to address council and individuals representing a bona-fide group shall have five minutes. Privilege of the Floor will not be extended for personal insults or personal attacks on any individual, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose and intent of conducting official business. Please address council as a body. Refrain from using offensive language, cursing and making noises while other people are speaking. Act with decorum. Remove your hat and turn cell phones off.

(Council Speaking Rules: Members and others given the privilege of the floor will address the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer will extend the courtesy to the Councilperson(s) responsible for introducing legislation the opportunity to speak first. Each member will have the right to speak twice on any subject. No Member will be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject without permission of the Presiding Officer. No Member will speak more than three (3) times on the question without the unanimous consent of all the Members present.

Contract Approvals

Minutes of Previous Meeting

July 21, 2021 City Council Special Meeting - AHA Presentation Minutes

Attachments: [July 21, 2021 City Council Special Meeting - AHA Presentation Minutes](#)

July 28, 2021 City Council Special Meeting - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Minutes

Attachments: [July 28, 2021 City Council Special Meeting - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Minutes](#)

August 18, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [August 18, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Communications

Old Business

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**Committee of the Whole:**

There will be a Committee of the Whole on September 22 at 6:30 PM to discuss approaches and expenditures relating to the Covid funding.

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Mota

The committee met last week. The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

CEDC: Chair, Gerlach, Guridy, Affa

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for September 22 at 5 PM.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Affa, Mota, Zucal

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting will be scheduled to review the Bills introduced this evening relating to the step program and to brainstorm on options on policies and procedures relating to performance based evaluations and merit pay; and procedures related to the filling of positions and reclassifications.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Hendricks, Gerlach, Siegel

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for September 15 at 5:15 PM.

Public Safety: Chair Mota, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for September 15 at 5:30 PM.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel

The committee met this evening; the next meeting will take place on September 15 at 6:20 PM..

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

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Controllers Report**Administration Report**

Controller's Report

Attachments: [Travel](#)
 [Bank Rec - June](#)
 [Accounts Payable Review - August](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 74 Budget and Finance, Forwarded Favorably
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget and the 2021 Equipment Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Five Thousand Nine Hundred (\$5,900) Dollars for the purchase of a replacement check printer.

Attachments: [Bill 74 Check Printer Transfer](#)

Bill 77 Public Safety, this evening
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$14,728.69) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department for the purchase of high-quality particulate hoods.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 77 Fire OFSC Grant](#)

Bill 78 Public Safety, this evening
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Seven (\$22,267.00) Dollars from Highmark to be used to further prepare for medical emergencies and rebuild supplies from COVID-19.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 78 EMS HHighmark Contribution](#)

Bill 79 Public Works, this evening
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget and the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) Dollars for roof repairs on several City buildings.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 79 Roof Repair Transfer](#)

Bill 80 Public Safety Committee, this evening
Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars as the result of a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program to the Allentown Fire Department to provide funds to be utilized for costs associated with the construction of the Fire Academy Public Safety Training and EOC building, including appliances and furnishings.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 80 Fire Academy Building](#)

Bill 81 Public Safety, this evening
Amending the Civil Service Board (CSB) Rules for Firefighters that were adopted pursuant to the provisions of Article 155 of the Codified Ordinances by revising the Part V: Rules Governing Appointment of Fire Fighters, the revisions were made to align with the current Rules Governing the Appointment of Police Officers.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 81 Fire Civil Service Rule Changes](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

Does Council or the Public have any comments on these items collectively or would Council like to remove any of the items?

R136

Ronald Kromer Sr, Electricians Examining Board, 04-04-2024

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R136 Electricians Examining Board - Ronald Kromer Sr](#)
[Ronald Kromer Sr, Electricians Examining Board, 04-04-2024](#)

R137

Deborah L. Held, Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals, 06/01/2024 (reappointment)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R137 Appointment Disruptive Conduct Board - Deborah L. Held](#)
[Deborah L. Held, Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals, 06-01-2024](#)

R138

Aijalynn Lyfe Washington, Council of Youth, 08/20/2022 (Dieruff High School)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R138 Appointment Council of Youth - Aijalynn Lyfe Washington](#)
[Aijalynn Lyfe Washington, Council of Youth, 08-20-2022](#)

R139

Briana Ortega Pena, Council of Youth, 08-23-2022

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R139 Appointment Council of Youth - Briana Ortega Pena](#)
[Briana Ortega Pena, Council of Youth, 08-23-2022](#)

R140

Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts: 431 Howard Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R140 431 Howard Street Certificate of Appropriateness](#)
[431 Howard Street FINAL REVIEW SHEET](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R141

Authorized the Hiring of Police Officer Molinaro

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R141 Police Officer Hire - Molinaro](#)

R142

Authorizes Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a One Million Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,232,800.00) Grant to support traffic signal improvements along Hanover Street in Allentown.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R142 Hanover Light Grant](#)

R143

Approval of Three Requested Transfers: Transfer of \$46,572 in the Police Department to place COVID-19 grant spending into proper accounts pursuant to a previous ordinance passed by City Council; Transfer of \$17,000 into proper accounts in Building Maintenance to purchase a scissor lift and complete the boiler installation at the golf course; Transfer of \$13,695 in the Police Department as a result of negative balances in the Police Academy FICA account - transfer restores sufficient funds for the remainder of the year.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R143 Required To Purchase A Scissor Lift and To Purchase Equipment For The Police Department](#)
[To Purchase A Scissor Lift and to Purchase Equipment for the Completion of the](#)
[To bring the Police Academy FICA Account to the Positive Plus Enough Funding](#)
[The Police Department was Approved by the COVID 19 Grant Administrators to](#)

R144

Recommends Policies Requiring Vaccinations and Masking to Maintain and Add Social and Economic Value to our Community

Sponsors: Affa, Mota and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [R144 Covid](#)

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

Bill 82 Refer to Human Resources, Administration and Appointments Amending the Article 140, Personnel Code of the Codified Ordinances (Also referred to as the Personnel Policy); Part One Administrative Code - General and Administrative Provision by adding Sections H and I under 140.05 Hours of Work and Compensation to adopt the pay grade and step system for Non-Bargaining and Appointed employees. Also amends Article 140.07 – Promotions and Transfers.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 82 Creates Steps for Non-Bargaining Unit](#)

Bill 83 Refer to Human Resources, Administration and Appointments

Amending the 2021 General Fund, Liquid Fuels, Trexler, Risk Management, Solid Waste, Stormwater, Golf Course, Rental Unit Licensing and HUD Grants Fund Budgets by transferring funds from existing expenditures to various Permanent Wage (02) accounts to provide for the implementation of the Non-Bargaining and Appointed pay scales as introduced in Bill 82.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 83 Appropriation for Salary Adjustments](#)
[Non-Bargaining steps Council](#)

Bill 84 Refer to Public Safety

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$50,128.13) from the Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) for tuition and salary reimbursement from Act 120 Training to be used to purchase duty weapons and holsters for new hire Patrolmen.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 84 Police MPOETC Funds](#)

Bill 85 Refer to Public Safety

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eight Thousand Ninety-Four Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$8,094.20) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown EMS Department to purchase video laryngoscope devices.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 85 OFSC EMS GRANT](#)

Bill 86 Refer to CEDC

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 86 CDBG NEW ACCOUNT SETUP](#)

Bill 87 Refer to Public Works

Providing for the vacation of Mason Street from the centerline of South Fourth Street to the centerline of South Jute Street in the Nineteenth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 87 Mason Street from South Fourth Street to South Jute Street](#)
[Mason Street Vacation Staff Report](#)
[Letter from Irene Woodward from Planning Department regarding Mason Street](#)
[Mason Street Vacation Staff Report](#)
[Mason Street from East Side of S. 4th Street to West Side of Jute Street Picture](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Mason Street from East Side of S. 4th Street](#)

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 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. For copies of the agenda or meeting announcements, please visit our website at www.allentownpa.gov or contact the Clerk at Michael.Hanlon@allentownpa.gov to receive an email notice of the meetings.

Council Rules
Home Rule Charter
Contract Procedures

Attachments: [HOMERULE June 2021](#)
[Council Rules March 2021 Edition](#)
[Contract Procedures](#)