



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, November 17, 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: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting

October 27, 2021 Special Council Meeting Revenue and Expenditure Estimates, Finance Department Minutes

Attachments: [October 27, 2021 Special Council Meeting Revenue and Expenditure Estimates](#)

November 3, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [November 3, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Communications

Old Business

REPORTS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Special Council Meeting:

The next Special Meeting is scheduled for December 1st to review the Public Works budget – we are still dealing with some scheduling to act on proposed amendments to the budget and final adoption – perhaps doing the budget amendments on December 8 and final action on December 15th.

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Mota

The committee has not meet since the last council meeting. There are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

CEDC: Chair, Gerlach, Guridy, Affa

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

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

The committee met on November 10 at 5:15 PM and forwarded a bill to adopts the new proposed code at the December 1 Council meeting.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Hendricks, Gerlach, Siegel

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

Public Safety: Chair Mota, Hendricks, Zucal

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

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel

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

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 Reports

Attachments: [Bank Rec to 7.31](#)
 [Acct 37 Review - Nov 11](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 114 CEDC, Forwarded Favorably

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of Three Hundred Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-five (\$300,875.00) dollars in DCED Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds for the Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board, as appropriate by Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations; these are 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.

Attachments: [Bill 114 CDBG NEW ACCOUNT SETUP - LV HOMELESS ADVISORY BD](#)

Bill 44 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably (2 - Siegel, Mota; 1 - Hendricks) Supplementing Part One, Administrative Code, Title Eleven, Authorities, Boards and Commissions of the Codified Ordinances of Allentown, Pennsylvania, by adding a new Article 171B entitled "Campaign Finance Regulations". The legislation is based on Campaign Finance legislation used in Pittsburgh. It fixes the contribution limit to the federal limits, currently there are no limits – this would limit individuals to \$2,900 to campaign, eliminate stacking, limit PAC Contributions to \$5000 a candidate. Contributions could not exceed the limitations that are in effect and published by the Federal Election Commission as of the first day of that same calendar year. Political contribution limits for donations made by a political committee to a candidate committee shall be the same as the federal contribution limit for "PAC-Multicandidate" that makes contributions to "candidate committees."

Sponsors: Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [Bill 44 Campaign Finance](#)
 [Ethics Code - fv](#)
 [CF Court Decision](#)

Legislative History

6/2/21 City Council approved

Bill 93 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably for the full Council to consider (2 - Siegel, Mota; 1 - Hendricks)

Amending Article 171 Code of Ethics adding ARTICLE 171.15 CAMPAIGN FINANCE LIMITATIONS ENFORCEMENT, empowering the Ethics Board to enforce Campaign Finance Limitations.

Motion to amend the bill proposing that the second Paragraph note the Board of Ethics

shall recommend not levy a fine. It would read as follows:

If the Board of Ethics recommends to the Finance Department that a fine be levied on a candidate for violations of the provisions, the fine shall be the greater of either one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per instance of a violation of this law, in which an instance shall be a single donation above the campaign finance limit, or one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for every two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) accepted by the candidate committee above the campaign finance limits set forth in this Chapter. Candidates shall also be required to fully refund all donations received above the campaign finance limits set forth in this Chapter.

Sponsors: Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [Bill 93 Ethics Board and Campaign Finance](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

R192

Alex Encelewski (fulfilling the unexpired term of Patricia Jackson – Old Fairgrounds Historic District), 01/07/2022

Attachments: [R192 Alex Encelewski - HARB](#)

[Alex Encelewski Request for Appointment HARB](#)

[Alex Encelewski Resume HARB](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On): Every resolution except for R167 is on the agenda for the first time this evening, scheduled to be voted on.

R193

Authorizes Submission of a Formal Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a Grant of Nine Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$992,960.00) to support the Downtown Signals Project at Lehigh and Union Streets.

Attachments: [R193 LEHIGH AND UNION PENNDOT GRANT](#)

R194

Approves City's Application to the United State Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for a Grant of Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$45,723) that will be used for technological upgrades to the Police interrogation rooms.

Attachments: [R194 2020 DOJ JAG GRANT](#)

R195

Approves two transfers placing funds in the proper accounts: (1) \$63,000 in CED to purchase a Fire/Compact Rescue Skid which will assist in rescue attempts in hard to reach areas of the City; (2) \$12,000 in CED to purchase Lights in the Parkway Commemorative Ornaments for Retail Sales.

Attachments: [R195 Transfer Funds](#)
[CED to Purchase a Fire Compact Rescue Skid Which Will Assist In Rescue Atte](#)
[CED to Purchase Lights in the Parkway Commemorative Ornaments for Retail](#)

R196

Denial of Certificate of Appropriateness: 231 N 8th

Attachments: [R196 Resolution to Deny 231 N 8th](#)
[231 N 8th Final Repot](#)

R197

Denial of Certificate of Appropriateness: 322 N 8th

Attachments: [R197 Resolution to Deny 322 N 8th](#)
[322 N 8th Final Report](#)

R167 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably 3-0

Authorizes expenditure of funds to hire a consultant to conduct a disparity study and make recommendations on the City's procurement process inclusive of ensuring access by minority and women owned business.

Sponsors: Gerlach, Mota and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [R167 Authorizes Disparity Study RFP](#)

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

Bill 116 Refer to Human Resources, Appointments and Administration
Amending Article 171, Code of Ethics, by prohibiting city employees, officials, and elected officials from engaging in conduct that would lead to future transactions and requiring the reporting of such activity if such person is aware of such activity.

Sponsors: Mr. Zucal and Hendricks

Attachments: [Bill 116 Ethics Amendment](#)

Bill 115 Refer to Public Works

Amending Article 507 (Traffic control Maps) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown. The request is from the Administration. The Administration is authorized to establish and evaluate traffic regulations for a temporary period not to exceed 90 days. This legislation makes the temporary changes permanent.

Attachments: [Bill 115 Traffic Control Maps](#)
[Memo Traffic Control Maps](#)

Bill 117 Refer to Public Works

Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars and Thirty-four Cents (\$32,912.34). This was the result of payment in lieu of tree plantings from Barnes Land Development LLC., Haldeman Ford Lincoln, Inc., City Center Investment Corp., St. Luke's Health Network, North Star Construction Management, The Waterfront Corporation, and

Allentown Parking Authority. Funds will be used for the purchase of new street trees.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 117 SHADE TREE CONTRIBUTIONS](#)

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

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

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Council Rules

Home Rule Charter

Contract Procedures

Attachments: [HOMERULE June 2021](#)

[Council Rules March 2021 Edition](#)

[Contract Procedures](#)