



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

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.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they are going to start with Courtesy of the

Floor. They are now going to take Courtesy of the Floor for any public comment that's not related to any Agenda Item on this evening's Agenda. He stated that the comments tonight during Courtesy of the Floor will be forwarded to the appropriate departments or entities and someone will follow up either privately or during a future City Council meeting with outcomes. He asked Mr. Hanlon if they had any Courtesy of the Floor.

Ms. Betty Cauler asked could Becki go first.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated you want Becki to go first, ok, Becki Kiss.

Ms. Becki Kiss, Allentown, PA, stated that she is here because she was not able to attend the Budget meeting, but did listen to some of the ideas that you had and thinks they were pretty good. However, it was something that she did not hear during that budget meeting was renegotiating the contract with the Parking Authority. She stated so currently, the Parking Authority maintains approximately 1,500 metered spaces on the streets in the city of Allentown which brings in approximately \$1.1 million just from those meters. She stated then from tickets, the Parking Authority brings in approximately \$7.5 million. She stated that she noticed in the Budget that in 2025, they paid the city \$480 which Mr. Glazier graciously told us it was more than likely for our salt. She stated that she did some more digging and noticed that Philadelphia received \$108 million from their parking. Pittsburgh received \$8.5 million from their Parking Authority and Reading also receives a considerable amount. She stated that she could not find Bethlehem's Parking Authority Budget online so she is not positive about that. She stated that she just wants to throw it out there that possibly the Parking Authority legislation could be re-looked at. She also went through the city's budget for 2025 and notice that in the mayor's office, memberships and publications is now up to \$62,000 in 2025 which is up from \$482 in 2022 which given the fact that the mayor was in DC this past week during the snowstorm, she finds that a little bit crazy. She also sees the mayor's budget that civic expenses are at \$70,000. She is not sure exactly what these are, but that was 2025 which was up from zero dollars in 2022. She stated that she is not sure how to find what these memberships and publications are, but when her job sends her to some kind of meeting or conference or something like that, she is expected to come back and give a PowerPoint presentation explaining what she learned while she was there. What they discussed? What they talked about and she is curious if the same is expected of these memberships, specifically the DC conference of Mayors is a dues based organization based on the number of residents you have in the city stating we pay \$11,000 a year for him to go and talk to other mayors in the area. She stated that she is curious what kind of or what are we getting from it as taxpayers because these are decent numbers here and considering they had a considerable snowstorm

last week, she is just curious where all this money is going. Thank you.

Ms. Betty Cauler, 2212 W Tilghman Street, stated that she just wants to bring to Council's attention that the Reading Parking Authority which she was told it is different from Allentown which doesn't matter. She stated that they get \$1.25 million. She stated actually they originally got \$1.7 million in 2023 or 2021 it began. She stated when the parking funds were increased and they just gave them a break because of their debt. They get \$1.25 million now. She stated that they got a whopping \$480 to the city of Allentown. She stated that she wants to reiterate what Ms. Kiss said that we really need to think about and stated that she does not know who is on the board now. She stated that you might want to bring this up at a board meeting because they do need to look at this. She did send something to Michael which is Reading's Agreement so you can read over it and see if it could be something that we could implement here because \$408, that like a slap in the face. She stated she means really. She stated and also what's up with the snow removal. She stated that the city is a mess. There are like two streets that are clean. She stated 5th Street and Hamilton going past here. She stated that is about it. She stated if you drive anywhere else and it is a nightmare. She stated that she knows that the mayor extended the removal over the weekend and she doesn't know why. She stated that we gave him his four percent increase. She wants to see that it is going to something other than his cronies. She stated that she doesn't know what they have to do with snow removal.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that we can forward that to that department.

Ms. Betty Cauler stated you can what.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that we can forward it to the Streets department.

Ms. Betty Cauler stated it is not the workers. You know it is not workers. It is ridiculous. There is nowhere to park. She stated that she lives on Tilghman Street which is an emergency route and the snow is four feet out from the sidewalk, still. She stated that this is two weeks after the storm, two freaking weeks. She stated that she doesn't know where she is working on now. She asked do you guys know where they are working on now.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated we don't.

Ms. Betty Cauler asked do you know where to Mayor Tuerk.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they can have someone get back to her with that information.

Ms. Betty Cauler stated that she really appreciates someone getting back because it's a nightmare. She stated it took her 25 minutes to get from 5th Street to 5th and Chew home the other day because the streets where there are two lanes, there are no longer two lanes because the snow is out to here. She stated that it is ridiculous. Go with it somewhere to go through. She stated that we have lots of big parks and big parking lots to go. She asked can they do something about it. It really is a nightmare driving around the city. Thank you.

Mr. AJ Ney, Turner Street, stated that he did not expect to be going on after that. He stated that he is a homeowner and a former Parking Enforcement Officer. He actually came to speak on behalf of the Parking Authority. He stated that at the last City Council meeting and at many meetings here, the parking issues were a consistent topic and often frustration is aimed at the APA and claims they may be targeting people or making the city less desirable. As a former APA officer, he just wants to express to everyone here that through the entire training process and working as an officer there, never once was he was asked to meet a quota or collect revenue or target any individual or vehicle. He could say with absolute certainty that every day that APA works to make our city safer and more accessible and every ticket they wrote was about safety and accessibility. He stated that there is so much more he can say about that. He stated that three minutes is not enough, but he can come back to future meetings, but to address to specific topics, he heard a complaint at the last meeting about street cleaning and someone receiving a ticket after the street cleaner coming through stating that he just want to express that it is important for people to understand that there are other things to be done during those periods from garbage collection to lights, painting tree maintenance and a perfect example right now is snow removals. He stated that it is a very good comment that brought up the streets are a mess. Streets have done a great job clearing streets that aren't currently parked up. It is a very good example of why that enforcement is so helpful to keep our city functioning. He thinks they may be made a mistake in suspending that enforcement for the week after the storm. It would have been more helpful to clear the streets. The solution discussed at the last meeting to place enforcement with street cleaners which is going to slow down the whole process. He stated that he would argue a more effective measure might be to remove the word Street Cleaning from the signs and just to express to residents it is an important period not to park in order to help keep our streets clean, organized and reset everything. He stated that another comment he wanted to address is a statement that we need more parking in Allentown. He actually wholeheartedly disagree. Our urban areas were built before the car was invented. They are very walkable and decent and transit access and we are blessed with the network of smaller streets that other cities

would kill for. He stated that this is not a problem they can build their way out of. If they try to add enough parking, they will destroy our city in the process. He stated that it is a simple geometry issue more than anything. He implored this Council to instead go into every conversation about parking with an understanding that not everybody in Allentown owns a car. Not everyone needs to own a car and even if people do own cars, they don't have the right to park anywhere and everywhere because parking illegally does hurt other residents. They get lots of calls where people are trapped in their houses and someone parked in front of their street. It can be dangerous. Lastly, a comment he heard at the last meeting was what do you want us to do from someone who was frustrated from parking. He stated that he thinks that is the root of the issue and one of the thing that he spent most of his time communicating with residents about when he was out doing enforcement. He stated that we need to do better job of explaining of what people should be doing rather than what they should be doing. They should be ticketing their way out of this. The APA officers do everything they can to avoid the ticket, but he does think as a city they will do a pretty bad job of not explaining what people should be doing. There are solutions to these problems, but it take some reasonable, rational discussions to balance these ones. It takes a reasonable and rational discussion to balance needs, wants, and demands. He looks forward to discussing some of those alternate solutions that balance (inaudible).

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any others for Courtesy of the Floor.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that is it.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok.

Contract Approvals

[15-8202](#)

R4

Authorization for Contract with Bowman Consulting Group LTD. in the amount of \$379,369.93 to provide design services to upgrade five outdated traffic signals along the 17th Street Corridor. Improvements will include new controllers, video detection, GPS emergency pre-emption, accessible pedestrian signals, ADA curb ramps, curb extensions where feasible, and high-visibility crosswalks. The system will connect to the Downtown Traffic Signal System via spread spectrum radio. Three (3) proposals were received. Contract shall cease three (3) years thereafter and may be extended for up to an additional two (2) one (1) year terms beyond the contract expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R4- Bowman](#)
[Resolution #31204](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mr. Hanlon and stated that they have Ms. McNeil present.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated yes, this was done as RFP 2025-54, 17th Street New Improvement Project. It was advertised on Public Purchase on November 19, 2025. There was a public bid opening on December 17, 2025. The city received three proposals. An evaluation team consisting of three members conducted both technical and cost evaluations. Proposals were evaluated based on IBE preference, project understanding and approach, experience, qualifications, timeline, references and costs. After evaluating the proposals, the evaluation committee decided to move forward with or presentations with the top two scoring firms. The committee is recommending an award highest score vendor Bowman Consulting Group.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Ms. McNeil and asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais or any questions or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 31203

[15-8203](#)

R5

Authorization for Contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. in the amount of \$215,733.00 to provide professional design and consulting services for its Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Demonstration Projects. Services include designing the Jefferson Street Traffic Calming Project with temporary markings, lane changes, flexible delineators, high-visibility crosswalks, and "No Turn on Red" signs, as well as supporting data collection and evaluation for the School and Park Speed Cushion Project and High Injury Network Daylighting Project through traffic counts, crash analysis, performance metrics, and community feedback. Two (2) proposals were received. Contract shall cease two (2) years thereafter and may be extended for up to an additional three (3) one (1) year terms beyond the contract expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R5 - Michael Baker](#)
[Resolution #31204](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated Ms. McNeil.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as RFP2025-55, Safe Streets and Roads for All Demonstration Project. It was advertised on Public Purchase on November 25, 2025. There was a public bid opening on December 23, 2025. The city received two proposals. The evaluation team consisting of five members connected both technical and cost evaluations. Proposals were evaluated based on IBE preference project understanding approach. The experience, qualifications, timeline, references and costs. After evaluating the proposals, the evaluation committee decided not to move forward with oral presentations. The committee is recommending award to the highest scored vendor, Michael Baker International Inc.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok, thank you. He asked if there were any comments or questions from the dais. Anything from the public on R5?

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 31204

[15-8204](#)

R6

Authorization for single source Contract with Microsoft Corporation in the amount of \$110,500.00 for provides the ability for City staff to open tickets directly with Microsoft for system support and work directly with an account manager at Microsoft for escalation and resolution. This is considered a single source as the City is fully integrated with Microsoft Office 365.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R6 Microsoft](#)
[Resolution #31205](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked for some background, Ms. McNeil.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that the general service purchase over \$10,000 which requires Council approval and it was done as a Single Source Procurement as the city is fully integrated with Microsoft 365.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any comments or questions from the dais. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 31205

[15-8205](#)

R7

Authorization for Contract with Fisher & Son Company, Inc, Genesis Turfgrass, Inc, Grass Roots Turf Products, Inc, Harrell's, LLC, Nutrien Solutions, and Siteone Landscape Supply, LLC at the unit prices identified on the bid tabulation, for a total estimated yearly sum in the amount of \$231,900.00 for agricultural chemicals for the City. Seven (7) Bids were received, one (1) was rejected, contract shall commence upon full execution and cease December 31, 2026, with two (2) additional one (1) year renewals beyond the contract expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R7 Turf Chemicals](#)
[Resolution #31206](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli state Ms. McNeil.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as Bid #2025-53, Turf Chemicals 2026. It was advertised on Public Purchase on November 18, 2025. The public opening was held on December 16, 2025. The city received seven bids. One was rejected due to not including their bid bond. It was determined to award to six responsive vendors for various parts of the contract.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok, thank you. He asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or any questions or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 31206

[15-8206](#)

R8

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for GT&E, Shafnisky Electric Inc., and Witmer Public Safety Group Inc.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R8 Cooperative Approval - 2.4.26](#)
[Resolution #31207](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok, Ms. McNeil.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that they are just being procured through PA Coast Net (sp), PA State Contracting COSTARS.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok and asked any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 31207

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-8215](#) December 30, 2025 City Council Special Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [December 30, 2025 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

[15-8194](#) January 13, 2026 Special Meeting on Bill 1 2026 Budget Adoption

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [January 13, 2026 Special Meeting on Bill 1 2026 Budget Adoption.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Communications

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that City Council received the 2025 Allentown City Planning Commission Annual Report from Jennifer Gomez, the Director or Bureau of Planning and Zoning. The PA Municipal Planning Code requires the Planning Commission to maintain a full record of its activities and submit a written Annual Report to the governing body. That Report is an

attachment to the Agenda on the website. Also, for visitors of City Council meetings, they encourage you to park in the government deck next door and see our Clerk, Mr. Hanlon for a voucher to pay for your parking. He asked if there was any Old Business.

[15-8212](#)

City Council received the attached report from Jennifer Gomez, the Director of Bureau of Planning & Zoning. The PA Municipal Planning Code requires the Planning Commission to maintain a full record of its activities and submit a written annual report to the governing body. Attached is the 2025 Allentown City Planning Commission (ACPC) Annual Report.

Attachments: [2025 ACPC Annual Report.pdf](#)

Chasers – If you parked in the city lot next to City Hall, please see the City Clerk for a voucher.

Old Business: NONE

REPORTS**Public Hearing - President Napoli**

City Council received a request for the transfer of Liquor License Number R-21060 to The Felix Restaurant LLC, 395 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard. We have scheduled a public hearing on March 4 at 6 PM to take public testimony on the transfer. A resolution will be on the council meeting that follows at 6:30 PM to allow City Council to approve or disapprove the transfer.

Budget and Finance: Chair Pungo, Mota, Gerlach

The Committee met on January 28 and reviewed the budget process, finance reports and committee priorities. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25 at 5:30 PM - currently the agenda will include a review of the monthly financial reports and a continuation of our review of the budget process.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Gerlach, Binder, Napoli

The Committee met this evening and discussed the Encampment Enclosure Bill. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18th at 5:30 pm to review Bill 8 and also will talk about some priorities that you need to. Thank you.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Binder, Santos, Affa

The Committee met on January 28th at 5:30 PM to review committee priorities and review a bill on tonight's agenda; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Santos, Pungo, Binder

The Committee met this evening and followed two items to the full Council; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Mota, Santos

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Public Works: Chair Mota, Pungo, Affa

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

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; there is a meeting scheduled for March 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM - it will be a public workshop meeting with Lehigh County.

Controller's Report

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier thanked Mr. Napoli and stated that he has a Report for you this

evening which is Accounts Payable Weekly Check Review from January 3, 2026 to January 30, 2026. This Report was just published today. On the number of checks they reviewed in this period is 353. The dollar amount that they reviewed was a little bit over \$6.1 million. There were three wires in that time period for \$171,000 and nine manual checks for a little bit under \$100,000. When an employee of the city is going to take a trip and you need to fill out a number of forms, one is a TRA asking permission and the second one is a TER detailing your expenses and TERs need to be filed within five working days. A department took a whopping 181 days to and the department was advised and reminded that they needed to follow the city's travel requirement. The dollar amounts on the TER were correct. He stated that they noted two overpayments in the garage. One for \$5.38 and one for \$109.95. In the one instance, the vendor issued the refund and the second, the check was voided. There were only two instances of checks that have an incorrect expense account and that is probably a record in terms of how low it was. He stated that is good to see. This was not necessarily garden variety questions. There were things that took a lot of thought, but the departments were advised and journey entries were made. There were 21 instances where invoices were not paid within a 60 day window. The city does not have in the AIMS a date or dates the constitutes what late payment it is so they have picked a number of 60 days with. It is really pretty lenient and there are 21 invoices that fell afoul with that. The bureau were advised with these issues and the checks were released and all the departments were responded with a reason why these were paid late and there were two instances of checks where the proper documentation was not attached within Munis. The Bureaus were advised of the issue and the proper documentations were scanned in and the checks were released. He stated that is his Report, Mr. president.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated thank you to our Controller.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated a quick question. She stated she was reading through and she is not going to name the department and stating that you don't.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he tends not to.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she noticed and will not either. It seems like sometimes it is a reoccurring department. What, does training and asked what could help maybe the staff in that department not continue to make some of these mistakes. It says that there isn't a response from the one department that has the highest number of instances. She asked is there like a way to alleviate this in the future or.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that is a great question stating as you know what the Controller does or can do is really advise. Occasionally, they can publicly shame somebody. They try to avoid that. He really doesn't think that is good policy. He

really thinks it really comes down to better communication in terms of expectations between for instance purchasing and the various departments in the city. He stated that he would tell Council and the public that he thinks that Purchasing is really stepped its game in terms of communicating expectations especially with regards to P-Cards and making sure that information is in on a timely manner. They had some success, but not perfect success. He stated that is the best he can tell them. That might be a topic for Mr. Napoli's committee and the administration to take up, but good question. Thank you very much.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach thanked Mr. Glazier.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked does he want to mention you have an event coming up. He stated that he thinks next week.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated sure, on the 11th and the Controller's office has invited all the departments to meet here in City Council Chambers to go over what we do, how we do it and why it's important and they are going to go over things like the charts of accounts when they get their own personalized chart account. He stated he knows it is in the big budget book, but this makes it easy. He stated that they have done it in the past and thought about doing it last year or the year before, but with Munis coming in, they didn't want to put too much on plates so they are doing it this year. He stated that you guys are all welcome. It is the 11th at 9:00. He might do depending on Council's interest. A brief presentation workshop one evening at some point in the future. He stated so you guys and the public get a better understanding of some of the things that we do and what they will look for and why it's important for and why it's important for proper and efficiency of the operation. He thanked him for the question. Those operations will continue. He stated that they

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok. Moving along, the mayor has not submitted any report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that it has been previous practice that the mayor needed to submit a Report prior to saying anything at a Council meeting. He stated that he doesn't know if that is going to continue under your leadership, Mr. president. He stated that he is happy to provide a brief update on a couple of items if you are interest in it. He stated an Ad Hoc Report.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that we will do that tonight and will come up with a Plan going forward.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated really quickly, in the past month and the month of January. He stated that he Reports on the happenings of the mayor's office. He stated that he

was great to meet with four of seven members of City Council and talk about what goals look like for the year ahead and the four years ahead. He stated that he looks forward to meeting with the City Councilmembers that he was not able to sit down with individually. He stated that he was incredibly happy to see six of our seven City Councilmembers show up for the Allentown State of the City Address what feels like a month ago at this point, but he thinks it was a week ago. He stated it was a good turnout from the community and gave him an opportunity to share his observation on the city of Allentown with the members of Council. Long story short on the State of the City is that the city is in good shape and got a long way to go to be in great shape. The city is in good general condition and a very good financial condition and the future is bright. He stated that he knows that Mark Shahda will be providing a snow update or kind of a post mortem of the city's cleanup response to this most recent storm. He stated that Winter Storm Fern is scheduled for the first meeting in March. He stated that Mr. Shahda is working to prepare a complete analysis of the lead up to the storm. The storm itself and our cleanup operation. He stated that he does want to provide them with a what's going on right now answer. He stated that they are continuing snow removal operations in District 9. He stated that there are 30 trucks working around the clock to remove snow from streets from 4th to 12th and from Union to Chew Streets so that includes a lot of our denser neighborhoods. Removal operations are challenging. He stated as Mr. Jordan mentioned when cars are parked in the streets. It complicates our ability remove snow from that side of the box. He stated getting residents to comply with the no parking regulations on the street cleaning side is important. Those operations will continue. They do not have the equipment or the capacity to remove snow from the entire city when conditions persist like this. He stated that Mark will give them the fuller detail. He stated that the good news is that looking ahead, they have above freezing temperatures at least forecast for next week. Although, unfortunately the forecast calls for a little more snow next week, but Mark will be providing from Public Works will be providing a full update to you. Thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mayor Tuerk for the update.

[15-8225](#) Controller's Report

Attachments: [PCard Oct 25 Report.pdf](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-8182](#) Bill 3 Human Resources, Administration and Appointments
Amending the 2026 Grant Fund budget to accept Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in grant funding from Bloomberg Philanthropies through Johns Hopkins University for the Love Your Block Grant.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 3- Love Your Block Grant Appropriation](#)
[Ordinance #16186](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there is anything from the administration on this.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he has some information. He stated that he thinks most of that was provided in committee and he believes that it was forwarded favorably. He stated that this has been a good thing for our city for building community engagement. The first phase of the Block Grant was focused on Franklin Park and some of the funding went to staff time for a part-time employee and a vista employee. Some of the funding went to do many projects in collaboration with a couple different community based organizations. Phase II will fund additional staff time around neighborhood engagement. The focus is going to shift to the first and sixth wards. The purpose of the program is to build community engagement with neighbors. There will be a more substantial investment through this funding in projects. The projects will be focused on vacant lots in the first and sixth wards. It will also focus on improving porches as gathering places for our neighbors. He stated that they looking forward to active collaboration with City Council to help get these dollars into public improvements around the first and sixth wards and continue the work that they are doing in Franklin Park as well.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated thank you and stated Chair Binder, this was in your committee and is there anything you would like to.

Mr. Jeremy Binder thanked Mr. Napoli stated as the mayor stated that this was forwarded favorably. He wanted to say thank you to Mr. Daniels for reaching out. He stated that it answered a lot of the questions that he had in the previous committee meeting. He stated that was very, very helpful. Thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any other questions or comments from the dais. He asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public regarding Bill 3.

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

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 16186

[15-8181](#)

Bill 4 Parks and Recreation Committee, Chair Santos
Amending the 2026 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$3,124.20) from H&P Construction, Inc. for the city providing

electrical hookup for the Bogert's Bridge project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 4- HPCI Invoice Appropriation](#)
[Ordinance #16187](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this was in Chair Santos committee this evening.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated yes, and it was forwarded favorably.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or from the public.

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

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 16187

[15-8180](#)

Bill 5 Parks and Recreation, Chair Santos
Amending the 2026 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars from DLNHC (Delaware Lehigh National Heritage Corridor) as part of their Lehigh Valley Greenways Implementation Block Grant for the Trail Water Fountain Upgrade at Jordan Meadows Park.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 5- LV Greenways Grant Appropriation](#)
[Ordinance #16188](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this was also your committee, Ms. Santos.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated that it was also forwarded favorably.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

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

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 16188

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Santo Napoli stated on our Consent Agenda, we have three items and stated R9, R10, and R11.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that R9 is a Sewage Planning Module for 1324 S. Howard Street. R10 is the appointment of Kate E. Hartney to the Planning Commission and R11 is the appointment of Krista V. Brown - Ly to the Human Relations Commission.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok and asked if there were any questions or comments. He stated go ahead Ms. Gerlach.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she wants to make sure that they are all good here. She stated with the two appointees to the various commissions. She stated that there is no sort of conflict of interest. She just see a familiar last name. She wants to make sure it is not a family member.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that there is no relations to Mark Hartney who is the city's Deputy Director for Community and Economic Development and there is no relations. He stated that he thinks Kate can attest to that.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok stating that you know of. She stated ok, cool.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that it is the Lehigh Valley you don't know.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated wonderful. Thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Ms. Gerlach for clarifying. He asked if there were any other questions or comments regarding these appointments and the Sewage Planning Modules. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

[15-8191](#)

R9
Sewage Planning Module at 1324 S. Howard Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R9 ANB Realty 16, LLC at 1324 S. Howard Street - Sewer Planning Module.doc](#)
[Sewerage Planning Module - 1324 S. Howard Street.pdf](#)
[Resolution #31208](#)

Enactment No: 31208

[15-8208](#)

R10

Kate E. Hartney, Planning Commission, Term Expiration: 2/5/2030

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R10 Planning Commission - Kate E. Hartney.doc](#)

[Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk regarding Kate E. Hartney from the
Planning Commission.pdf](#)
[Kate Hartney Resume.pdf](#)

[Planning Commission List.xlsx](#)

Enactment No: 31209

[15-8207](#)

R11

Krista V. Brown - Ly, Human Relations Commission, Term Expiration:
2/5/2029

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R11 HRC Appt](#)

[Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk regarding Krista V. Brown - Ly to the
Human Relations Commission.pdf](#)
[Krista Brown - Ly Resume.pdf](#)

[Human Relations Commission List.xlsx](#)

[Resolution #31210](#)

Enactment No: 31210

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-8184](#)

R12

Approves the Allentown Parks Plan 2025.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R12 Park Plan.docx](#)

[Parks.pdf](#)

[Resolution #31211](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok. Any questions or comments from his colleagues.

Mr. Jeremy Binder stated that he did want to say that he thanks Director Tolino for the opportunity to meet with you and your team. He met at the facility that is in Lehigh Parkway. He stated that it was eye opening to see the place where the Parks Department is working out of. He stated that there are a lot of challenges that he witnessed first hand in that building. He

thinks there is a lot of work to be done. He commend all of the staff and what they have been doing, working through the various challenges in that facility. He looks forward to future updates in the parks and how that can impact residents. Thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mr. Binder and stated go ahead Mr. Pungo.

Mr. Cristian Pungo stated no again, likewise it is great work. It is a very substantial document for those who had not had a chance to read it. He encouraged everyone stating they are still having meetings during the Parks and Recreation Committee today. They are going to have some meetings from Franklin Park. He stated that this is a great opportunity for people who will provide their input for what you would like to see in Allentown. Of course, there is a Plan, but there is always more than necessary for the final stages of those Plans. He stated that he sat through a couple of those early on and it is incredible. Everyone's input was taken into consideration and it is your opportunity to mold the city and the parks that we have so please take advantage of it.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated also very quickly Ms. Tolino, he mentioned at the committee meeting and want to mention it now the engagement of your team was really really good. He stated that he went to a few of the meetings where you solicited feedback and engaged with our community. It was very well done. The Fearless Fire one was really well done. He stated that was my favorite. It was a great job by everyone on your team and he is anxious to get this to the finish line and stated thank you. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public on the Allentown's Parks Plan.

Mr. Kyle Ropski, 528 N Berks Street and chair of Allentown Environmental Advisory Council, stated that he is speaking today in support of the Resolution here affirming the passage of the parks plan. He stated as they sort of referenced. He stated that it has been a lengthy process with a robust community engagement portion in which many people in this room has participated in. He stated that he is voicing his support in this. He wants to emphasize this Plan is not only a vision for recreation, it is also strategy for how Allentown prepares for the ongoing and emerging acts of Climate Change. The extreme heat and heavier rainfall, flooding. And, as severe weather events become more frequent, our parks will increasingly serve as the city's first line of defense against these challenges. Our naturalized areas in parks are where climate mitigation and adaptation happens on the ground and this Plan intentionally designs them to serve that role through commitments and expanding the tree canopy, preserving and enhancing greenspace and increasing naturalized areas. This Plan helps cool neighborhoods, reduce heat related illness and improve air

quality during extreme heat events. By prioritizing reptarium corral restoration floodplain protection and green infrastructure. The Plan uses Parks to absorb stormwater, reduce flooding and protects downstream neighborhoods as rainfalls becomes more intense. In this way, this Plan positions our Parks to protect residents every day, not only for places for recreation, but as an essential environmental infrastructure working on behalf of the city. The Plan recognizes parks as an essential environmental infrastructure, places that manage water, store carbon, and support biodiversity. Investment in greenways and trail connectivity and will also support lower greenhouse gas emissions, by encouraging alternative form of transportation, like walking and biking while improving access to nature for residents across the city. By treating parks like public spaces and climate access. This Plan strengthens Allentown's ability to respond to environmental challenges, while improving quality of life today. The needs of our current generation while preserving the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. He urged their support for its passage and option. Thank you. He stated that he also wants to reiterate Councilperson Binders comments regarding the Parks and Recreation team. They did an amazing job. They attended these meetings in the course of months and he knows they are going to do a great job in actually adopting this Plan if you choose to pass it here tonight. Thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mr. Ropski. He asked if there were anymore questions or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 31211

[15-8216](#)

R13

Authorizes the submission of a Formal Application for funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant (MTF-PennDOT) Grant Services in the amount of approximately Six Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars (\$682,282) for the trail connection between Cedar Creek Park and Trexler Park.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R13 - PennDOT Application.docx](#)

[Resolution #31212](#)

A motion was made by Santo Napoli that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 31212

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

Mr. Santo Napoli stated regarding Bill 6, there was a request from the administration to introduce and vote on Bill 6 in order to make timely payments on an Equipment Loan through the Trexler Fund.

There is a request from the Administration to introduce and vote on Bill 6 and 7 this evening - to make some timely payments. You will need 6 of 7 members to vote in the affirmative.

[15-8210](#)

Bill 6

Amending the 2026 Trexler Fund by authorizing a supplemental appropriation in the amount of Twenty-Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Ten Cents (\$22,133.10) to the Parks and Recreation Department to make the 5th and final payment towards the Groundskeeping Equipment Loan. This is part of the 2025-26 Trexler Operating allocation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 6 - Trexler Final Equipment Loan Payment.doc](#)
[Ordinance #16189](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they will start with Bill 6. This is a request from the administration to introduce and vote this evening in order to make some timely payments on Equipment Loan.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated can he say this. He stated that he goofed on the Agenda. There should be another Resolution on here.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he did not have that.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it didn't appear and stated that this was his mistake.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that this is actually for the parks, alright and stated that you would need to make a Motion to Suspend the Rules.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that to be clear, it is a Finance question. It is

Parks financing.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that this is authorizes the submission of a formal application for funding to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Multi Module grant.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated oh, this isn't the Groundskeeping.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated yup. This is for the trail connection. He stated that this is the one (inaudible) sent up. He stated you can look at his.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated alright, thanks.

Mr. Michael Hanlon asked if they wanted to do a quick Suspension of the Rules.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they will first start on Suspending the Rules.

Mayor Matt Tuerk asked if you can explain the Resolution prior to your decision on Suspending the Rules.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated let them know exactly what we are doing then we can make the Motions.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that she believes that the printed copy doesn't list the grant application as Resolution - R13, but online it does show it which is what she is looking at. She stated that she thinks that is what they are talking about, right Mike.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it is not showing it on their Agenda. He stated that you really don't have to Suspend the Rules and stated oh, does it. Ok.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok, final verdict, are we Suspending the Rules or not.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated no. It appears.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that it is showing up on an Agenda somewhere online. He asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues regarding R13.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that she can explain what it is. It is a request to submit a grant to PennDot Multimodal connection between Cedar Parkway and Trexler Park. This was identified in the Parks Comprehensive Plan.

The opportunity arose to submit this application and it is a short connection and it connects to a previously existing PennDot investment at the corner of Parkway Boulevard and Cedar Crest.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that if you are not familiar with this, it is a great missing link. He stated that our phenomenal Trexler Park feels completely disconnected from Cedar Parkway and this will help us bridge that gap.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated there are no sidewalks either so it is very difficult. You can't get from here to there even though you can see it.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they know it is a very busy road to. He stated thanks for the background. He stated again, any and said go ahead Mr. Binder.

Mr. Jeremy Binder stated that if he is correct, the deadline for this is the 14th of this month so to take advantage of this, is that correct.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated yes, exactly.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked is there any other questions or comments from the public regarding R13.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments regarding Bill 6. He stated just to be clear Ms. Patel, this is all from the Trexler Fund.

Ms. Bina Patel stated yes, correct.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

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

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 16189

[15-8217](#)

Bill 7

Amending the 2025 Risk Fund by transferring One Million Two Hundred Ten Thousand (\$1,210,000) Dollars from the General Fund unappropriated balance to the Risk Fund for the payment of healthcare claims, drug prescription benefits, and other employee medical costs for the remainder of the year. The healthcare claim amounts are significantly higher this year.

Specifically, this is to cover final invoices from SEIU and Capital Blue Cross that were not accounted for in the previous Risk Fund Transfer.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 7 Risk Fund Ordinance 1.30.26.doc](#)

[Ordinance #16190](#)

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it had the same situation as Bill 6.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok and asked anything from the administration on Bill 7.

Ms. Bina Patel stated yes, thank you. She stated that she has come to them twice before for our Risk Fund Healthcare Expenditures are coming in much higher than what we had expected. They already year to date at \$32.4 million for healthcare expenditures and they are requesting and have a few more invoices that came in after the year was over and the total is 1.2 million and that's why she is in front of them today to request to increase the budget.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues. He stated go ahead Mr. Pungo.

Mr. Cristian Pungo stated director Patel, this increase comes from anything that goes above and beyond the General Fund balance from last year that is supporting this, correct.

Ms. Bina Patel stated yes, correct.

Mr. Cristian Pungo stated that was his question, thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from the public in regards to Bill 7.

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

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 16190

[15-8209](#)

Bill 8

Amending Part II General Legislation, Chapter 400 Noise, Section 400-1 Definitions, revising the definition of Zoning Classifications, and Section 400-6 Sound levels by receiving land use, revising Table 1 Receiving Land Use, to be consistent with the zoning classifications within Chapter 660

Zoning, adopted October 15, 2025, effective January 1, 2026.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 8 400 Noise - Revisions RE Zone Allentown.doc](#)
[Ordinance #16191](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated any comments from the administration on this.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he thinks this is just a housekeeping, minor clean up that they can discuss in greater detail during committee.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated fair enough, Ok.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach thanked Mr. Napoli.

Yes: 6 - Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 16191

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

There are none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that we covered our meetings that are upcoming.

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 7:21 PM

[15-6577](#)

Reference Materials:
Council Rules
Procurement Code
Ethics Code

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