



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

This meeting is being live streamed and recorded. The video will be posted on the city website. Remember your manners, exhibit good behavior and smile.

Invocation: Councilperson Guridy

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. Lou Hershman, 405 N. Gilmore Street, stated that several months ago the Controller put out a flowchart on purchasing. Seventy percent of department heads have credit cards. There are 73 credit cards. Why do we need 73 credit cards? He asked about the Intervention Program.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they had a meeting recently. They are about to finish the EIP (Early Intervention Program) and by the end of the month they should have information. He asked about a memorandum on the Transfer for Risk Management.

Mr. Roger MacLean thanked Mr. Hershman and said that Council will get answers.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that if Council wants a Dependent Audit, all they have to do is ask. Regarding credit cards, the Controller's office reports all credit card expenditures every month. We report it and the Report is published online. It was exceptionally well thought out by the Purchasing Department. Everyone's card is set on items they can buy and can't buy. There is a dollar amount there. He stated that he has two P-Card Reports tonight. They list the items purchased and they will offer by account numbers. There is only one credit card out there authorized to purchase fuel. The motorcycles use high test and the city only stocks regular, unleaded.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked is it necessary to have 73 P-Cards. Do we need 73 cards?

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that he trusts the judgement on the Purchasing Department. You have a plumber working on a bathroom in one of the parks and finds he needs something, does he have to go back to the Parks Department on 30th Street or go to Home Depot. The Controller's office reviews every expenditure. Everyone has to go through training to use the cards properly.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked for an answer on that for the next Council meeting.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that Ms. Baraket is not here today or tomorrow. She can explain the program. It limits the amount of risks for late payments which this payment does. We wind up getting rebates that come back to the city's General Fund.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker stated that the P-Card system is \$500,000 a year in P-Card with 73 people and a \$500,000 limit. We need to have an audit to see where we stand and asked for transparency. He asked about the Single Audit and when is it coming out.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that the Controller's office reviews every expenditure every month. The Controller has a card and we may only use it twice a year.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it is a combination of the administration and the Finance Director. Right now, the Police department has a grant that they can't spend because they can't get to full staffing.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that two of the five findings of the 2017 Report have already remedied and the third one is one. When the document is ready, it will be posted on the website.

Ms. Vanessa Corneir (sp), 1135 W. Linden Street, asked about a request for a full audit. She asked if the city can think about putting in a dirt bike park. She stated that the dirt bikes are zipping down her road and her alley. It is kind of scary.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Council will think about it.

Mr. Tom Hahn stated that on the legality of having the audit and not releasing the copy to the public and presenting it with the corrections. If it is a bad report send it out anyway.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that it is something we want to look into and get more information to get a better sense of what you are saying.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated to Mr. Hartzell is that the report and the corrections.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that what they have done in the CAFR is signify and pointed out in front of the body the major issues going on in the city. We mentioned CDBG and came up with a written policy on collectible accounts. The standard procedures are that we will work on that report and next year's report.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it doesn't change the report.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is something that is not completed throughout that period. It will be mentioned again.

Mr. Don Ringer, 1801 Liberty Street, stated that 73 credit cards is way too much. Having nine percent of your workforce having credit cards leave you up for corruption. He asked if someone can define what a cesspool is. Today, in the newspaper the cesspool comment was overdone. We have one of the best park system in America. It insults him as a businessman and should insult Council. We are not a cesspool. He stated that we have basketball courts at Union Terrace and Lincoln Park with no baskets. We have tennis courts at Jordan Park that has weeds growing. We have to take the lead with these kids. We have to have better programs for these children.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Council is working on it. They will have a meeting next week at 5:30 PM to develop a Youth Advocacy Task force.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it did.

Mr. Edward John White, W. Highland Street, stated that he was pleased to attend a Welcoming and Diversity Inclusion workshop that was run by Mr. Lightner and Tatiana Tooley from the Community and Economic Development department. It was educational and eye-opening. On August 24 there was a clean up day held at the Fairview Cemetery. He thanked Mr. Messinger for arranging the dumpster for the volunteers. August 27, there was an announcement made by the Allentown Parking Authority for a new emergency dispatch number for parking complaints. On August 31, there was a community day held at the Old Allentown Fairground Association Jordan Heights Neighborhood in cooperation with Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley. He stated that he is happy to

volunteer for the Youth Advocacy Taskforce.

Ms. Brenda Fernandez, 1243 S. Jefferson Street, asked about Fountain Park. She asked why there are orange barricades out there. The kids are not playing basketball anymore.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that they put the barricades up because they had a number of out of town visitors who were coming in at the waterways and a lot of trashing/litter going on. She stated that Parks put up barricades and signage. It will be open as of this weekend.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it is too cold to swim.

Mr. Louis Acevedo, 2106 Baker Drive - president of Mountainville Memorial Little League, thanked Ms. El-Chaar and the IronPigs. The Seventh Street Park on Dixon Street is renovated and the field looks beautiful, the dugouts are redone and the kids can play safe this fall. He stated that he looks forward to continuing that on the southside beyond just those two parks.

Mr. Glenn Keller, 2726 Fernor Street, asked about the hearing about the Early Intervention Program. The Early Intervention Program is a big deal. The city has been in the Early Intervention Program before that he was not aware of until this one. The past reports go into 100s of pages and has all kind of neat graphs. He asked what is going on with the EIP and when will the upcoming meetings be announced. The program may not be well received by city government and not a lot of public interest in it.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that there really wasn't any public meetings.

Ms. Enid Santiago, 1243 S. Jefferson Street, reminded everyone that the city will not have a chief of police in Allentown. The city has been very vocal about who they will love to see nominated for that position. There will be an opening and nobody will be chief of police by next week unless a nomination is done real soon. She stated that they have a broken city.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that the city has two very capable Assistant Chiefs that will be overseeing until the mayor nominates somebody.

Mr. Richard Lovell, Guns Down ABE Initiative, stated that he has respect for everyone. He stated that he has been participating in many events. There are not a handful of Council that he can catch outside connecting with the children, connecting with the kids. He stated that he can speak all he wants, but will never have leverage like they have. He stated that he won't ask Council's age, but how many can say they can connect to a 15 year old.

There has to be someone that is willing and can really identify with what is going on in the city as far as culture. In the past couple years we had buildings that have been erected. The focus has changed from community to business while the young ones are killing each other. He stated that he would like Council to come out to these community events. The cesspool comment in the newspaper is called exaggerating the truth to penetrate denial.

Ms. Tye Kanawa, On Behalf of Patrick Palmer, talked about the Happiness Project that Patrick is rolling out. It's called "All Signs Point to Happiness." The aim is to create a happier, healthier environment through the community with signs and uplifting messages throughout the city. Patrick Palmer will partner with Safe Passage Program. She stated that he would like 1,000 signs as the initial goal he would like to roll out that are by artists and students. The fundraiser started this weekend.

Mr. Lewis Shupe, 814 Walnut Street, stated that of all the meetings that he has come he heard very little action or mention of the Ethics Board. He asked if the Ethics Board will be meeting any time soon.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that Council just requested a discussion with the Ethics Board earlier tonight.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that he is the staff to the Ethics Board and they only respond to inquiries. Inquiries that are based on concrete situations that relate to the Ethics Ordinance. There is also the State Ethics Board. They don't meet unless there is a request for an Advisory Opinion.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments under Courtesy of the Floor.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she would like to address the gentleman that talked about Council participating. First and foremost, we are legislators. We make laws. We are on committees. We sit at meetings over and over and most of the people have full-time jobs. She stated that she had many children programs. She stated that she paid children for good report cards, for clean-up programs, children that care programs, and tutored in schools. Ms. Mota is at every children event that you could imagine. She brings people from the Dominican Republic for many years.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that they have been doing it for a few years.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that Mr. Hendricks gets all the hot dogs and passes them out to the kids. There are things we do and you don't see us at every single event. We can't be at every single event. She stated that

she would have loved to march. Mr. Robinson marched. Mr. Zucal marched. We are all here and we do the best we can. To dress us down and lead people to believe that we do nothing in the community is offensive. Most of the people up here have full-time jobs, plus this. We are legislators. She stated that every one of them cares about the community.

Mr. Richard Lovell stated that he did say a handful.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that there are seven of them and that's a handful.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated to the public that they had their chance to talk. Let her talk.

Ms. Enid Santiago stated that she is speaking to us.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that she is speaking to the gentleman behind you.

Ms. Enid Santiago stated that she is with him.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that Council can not be everywhere all the time. There are events at the west end that we are attending and the Y that we are attending.

Mr. Richard Lovell stated that no one is dying in the westend or the Y.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Mr. Lovell to let Ms. Affa finish. He stated that no one interrupted you so let her finish.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that if you are offended by what she has to say, could you imagine how Council is offended by what you had to say.

Ms. Enid Santiago stated that you were voted into that position. You knew what the job was.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Mr. Hendricks how many years did you spend on the police department, and Mr. Zucal. He stated that he spent 40 and was out in the public all the time.

Ms. Candida Affa asked Mr. Guridy how long has he been a Councilperson. Ms Mota how many times have you been out there with every organization with Promise Neighborhoods. She asked Mr. Robinson, Mr. Zucal, everyone.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked Ms. Affa to please have him not included in

this. He stated that he doesn't think it is appropriate for them to take exception with anyone with any criticism that they get. We should listen to it and internalize it. Not get into arguments with the public.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she is not arguing, she is defending what Council does out there. She stated accusing Council of not even being out there is offensive.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he agrees and Council let Mr. Lovell speak his peace.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated again, he does not want to be included in this because he doesn't agree with how this was dealt with.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments for Courtesy of the Floor.

Approval of Minutes:

[15-3134](#) August 21, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [August 21, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Old Business

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that at the last meeting an item was brought up about FMLA and keeping track of it and the sick time associated with FMLA. It has been reported that hasn't been done by Human Resources department and part of Mr. Hartzell's department as well. He asked Mr. Hartzell has anything been addressed between he and HR. He stated that he is in favor of FMLA, but accountability has to be done with it.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that he is aware that the HR staff has been looking at that very intensely. We have not had a follow up conversation specifically on that issue. He is very much aware that Mel and her staff have been looking at that. He stated that if he could get the details on that he will as quickly as possible.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that from the time it was mentioned they have been doing audits with everybody on FMLA to make sure that all the paperwork is up to speed and they qualify. He stated that he knows a few people that received information from HR saying you need to update your FMLA records with your doctor and you have to renew on a daily basis.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked for a finalized Report.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he will get it from HR.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments for Old Business.

Communications

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that City Council met in Executive Session early this evening with the Solicitor, Matt Kloiber. They discussed at the Executive Session, legal issues and personnel matters which are exceptions to the sunshine law.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that for those who came a little later, they are having a Youth Advocacy Taskforce meeting on Wednesday at 5:30 PM on the 5th floor.

Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota

The Committee met last Wednesday; the next meeting is tentatively scheduled on September 25.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Robinson, Guridy, Affa

The Committee did meet since the last Council meeting on August 22nd; the next meeting is on September 11 at 6:30 PM in to receive an update on the comprehensive plan.

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

The Committee has not met since the last meeting; a future meeting is not yet scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Robinson, MacLean

The Committee has not met since the last meeting; the next meeting will take place prior to the council meeting on September 18.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Affa, Zucal

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 2.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Hendricks, Robinson

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 MacLean, Affa, Guridy

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

Youth Advisory Task Force: Chairperson Guridy

The committee will meet on September 11 at 5:30 in the 5th Floor Conference Room.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Allentown City Council will consider for possible adoption an Ordinance amending the City of Allentown Zoning Ordinance. This proposed amendment, of which this Notice is a summary, proposes to amend Article 1327.03.Z.4 of the Zoning Ordinance to reduce the size of the required storage area in each dwelling unit that has a "habitable floor area" (as defined in Section 1303.01 of the Zoning Ordinance) of less than 700 square feet located in multi-family dwellings that contain 5 or more dwelling units from 35 square feet to 15 square feet. City Council will consider the foregoing at a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6:30 PM in Council

Chambers, 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101.

Allentown City Council will also consider for possible adoption an Ordinance amending the City of Allentown Zoning Ordinance. This proposed amendment, of which this Notice is a summary, proposes to amend the zoning map by rezoning the former City Incinerator Site at Basin Street and MLK BLVD from BL-I (Business Light Industrial) to I-3 (General Industrial). City Council will consider the foregoing at a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6:45 PM in Council Chambers, 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101.

Copies of the full text of these Ordinances are available to any interested party for inspection/copying at the City Clerk's Office or for inspection during regular business hours at the offices of this newspaper and the Lehigh County Department of Law. All interested parties are invited to attend this Hearing. City Council may adopt this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting immediately following the Public Hearing.

Controllers Report

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that he has two P-Cards reports. The first report is from the month of May. The office reviews all transactions of the P-Card. The Report is a recap of the exceptions and there corresponding resolution were identified. Purchasing cards are issued to employees that are expected to follow the City of Allentown policies and procedures related to purchasing card use. The city can implement a wide variety of controls for each P-Card. In the month of May, there were 45 P-Card statements reviewed. The total amount of P-Card transactions for the review period was \$58,921.26. The City Controller's findings were noncompliance with traveling, a meal allowance that was above and beyond what it should have been. There were two card holders that did not provide supporting documentation in Eden. The City is trying to be paperless. There were two instances where the incorrect expense accounts were used. They identified four instances where there were untimely payments of invoices. There was one discount for .21 cents that was missed. At the end of each Report, the Controller's office put a list of each expenditure. For the month of June, they reviewed 40 P-Card Statements. The total amount of money expensed was \$62,652.47. The physical invoices in Eden that did not agree with what was inputted into Eden. The invoice in Eden was for \$831.68, but the supporting invoice was for only \$830.18. Only one invoice was attached. The Controller's office found two sales tax paid on two invoices. In these instances, they will go back to the vendor and get the sales tax credited to the P-Card account. There were three instances where the wrong expense account was used. Two cardholders did not include supporting documentation in Eden. He stated that this is the second to the last audit report process flow that has to do with Treasury and the Cash window. The findings were the automation of the data entry process. He suggested batch processing. Mailed

payments enveloped may not have been kept in secure locations. When deposits are done in department the ledger doesn't have an over/under account. The difference will be put in miscellaneous income. The objective of the monthly P-Card review is to review each cardholder P-Card activity independent of the card holder to determine whether the individual payments made with a P-Card and the corresponding documentation comply with the requirements of the policies, guidelines and procedures outlined by the city rules and identify any areas of improvement. In the month of May, there were 45 P-Cards statements reviewed. The Controller's office found noncompliance with traveling and meal allowance that was above and beyond what it should have been. The department was advised and going forward they will be more vigilant. The city is trying to move to Eden only. The Controller's office found sales tax paid on two invoices and the department was advised and they will go back to the vendor and get the sales tax credited. There were three instances where incorrect expense account was used. Two cardholders did not include supporting documentation in Eden. He stated that he will save the Accounts Payable Weekly Check Review for the next meeting.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked about the meal expenditure that was not exactly corrected. He asked if the person was traveling out of town or away at a training.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that they were out of town and generally people are really good about it, but this one we were over by a couple bucks.

Administration Report

Mayor Ray O'Connell showed his P-Card that he had for 17 months and has not put one dollar on it. He stated that he has a city vehicle and buys his own gas for the city vehicle.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that when he was with the city, he had a credit card and never had it. He stated that when he went out of town, he asked the Office Manager for the card.

APPOINTMENTS: The following are all reappointments.

[15-3139](#) Randy Fey, Shade Tree Commission, 01/01/2021

Attachments: [Reappointment Shade Tree Commission - Rany Fey](#)
[Resolution #29851](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from her colleagues.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he has known Mr. Fey for years.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he has known Mr. Fey for a long time.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from the public. She congratulated Mr. Fey.

Mr. Randy Fey stated that he worked for the city for almost 30 years. He stated that he was in the Parks Department as a Forester and did all the arboriculture work and the shade tree work. He stated that he can probably tell them every tree on every block. He stated that he retired about 10 years ago and is still active. Penn State and the Pennsylvania Department of Agri have websites for this. He stated that he and the former mayor did not see eye to eye. He stated that he goes by rules.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked how to get rid of the Lantern Flies. He stated that the reason why he asked is there are a couple of trees that are drying up. They put the wraps around them. People are saying to use the detergent Dawn.

Mr. Randy Fey stated that he is actually teaching about Spotted Lantern Flies at Penn State. He stated that he has given about 18 presentations throughout the county. He stated that he gave one for Representative Schweyer at South Mountain Middle School. The big thing now is the quarantine and that doesn't come out in the paper too much. He stated that they are quarantining Pennsylvania in 14 counties. Pennsylvania Agri can fined you if you are outside the area. He asked if the trucking terminals in the area are doing it. He suggested that they look at circuses going from town to town. The quarantine is to try to contain it as much as they can. They want people to be more vigilant on their own behalf.

Mr. Randy Fey stated there should have been a retraction in the paper. You can do more damage with home remedies to plants and people. That's why they are telling you how to do it correctly. Don't just come up with anything.

Mr. Joe McMahon stated that the quarantine has been going on for a year.

Mr. Randy Fey stated that he is also a landscaper and as a landscaper he has to take a test and go through this quarantine thing. He stated that his people have to be trained to look for these things. He stated that he is doing testing for Penn State and has one tree that he has been watching and collected over 20,000 insects off that one tree. They are using them for research.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she was at a red light and one flew in her car and she beat it to death.

Mr. Randy Fey stated that he was going to Penn State and got on 22 and one was on his windshield and he was doing 65 MPH and it was still there.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 29851

[15-3140](#) Robert C. Franklin, III, Electricians Examining Board, 04/18/2021

Attachments: [Reappointment Electricians Examining Board - Robert C. Franklin III](#)
[Resolution #29852](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from her colleagues.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that Mr. Franklin is an excellent member for this board. Not only is he a certified Master Electrician, but he is the training Director for IBEW - Local 375. He is responsible for their program. It is amazing to see the work that goes into training of an electrician.

Mr. Julio Guridy seconded the comments from Mr. Robinson.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any questions from the public.

Mr. Robert Franklin thanked Mr. MacLean, the Mayor and Council. He stated that he promised to be here for the next four years to serve on the board and hopes to see everyone in four years for a reappointment.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated to Mr. Franklin that he won't see him, but glad he can do it this time.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 29852

[15-3141](#) Ronald Kromer, Electricians Examining Board, 04/04/2021

Attachments: [Reappointment - Ronald Kromer](#)
[Resolution #29853](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from her colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 29853

[15-3148](#) Walter C. Clouse, Jr., Electricians Examining Board, 01/25/2022

Attachments: [Reappointment - Walter C. Clouse, Jr.](#)
[Resolution #29854](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from her colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 29854

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3116](#)

Bill 52 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably Amending the 2019 General Fund and 2019 Debt Service Fund Budget by transferring Five Hundred Forty Thousand (\$540,000) Dollars from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund to enable payment for debt that was unintentionally excluded from the 2019 budget.

Attachments: [Bill 52 Debt Service Payment](#)
[Ordinance #15558](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated it was in the Budget and Finance Committee. It was supposed to be paid and unintentionally excluded in the 2019 budget. It has to be put in the unappropriated balance. It was moved forward favorably, unanimously. He stated that Mr. Hartzell is here if you want more information.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Mr. Hartzell is it something that he wants to add.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated not really. He stated that Mr. Hershman had asked after it was introduced where we were in terms of the balance in the General Fund. The CAFR shows that the city has a cash balance as of December 31 at \$16.5 million which is unrestricted. There are a couple of existing things like wages due and other items to be paid immediately. It is about \$13.5 million in which the Stabilization Fund is including. That is a better position for cash we had in a while.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked is it for 2020.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated no. The CAFR when it was completed of where we stand in 2018 when we started in 2019. We budgeted this year for \$1 million in revenue. We touched the unappropriated balance a couple of times, but not to a significant degree. He is not concerned on what the cash balance is, but it is more than significant reserves to cover this expense. He affirmed that they are making the payment on the Debt Service for the Solid Waste Fund. They had a recording of a particular payment that was made only once, but recorded twice. Once they figured that out, they increased the available balance in the General Fund by a considerable amount. He stated that there is not anything else in the debt

finance issue that is going to come up like this in the future.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 15558

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On): NONE

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

[15-3138](#) Bill 55 Public Works, this evening
Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Eight (\$774,378) Dollars. This was the result of a Green Light Go grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the Lehigh Street Corridor System Management and Mobility Project.

Attachments: [Bill 55 Green Light Go Grant - Lehigh Street](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from his colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-3142](#) Bill 56 Public Works, this evening
Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget by transferring from One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars from Capital Project 2026 – MLK Drive and Lehigh Street to Capital Project 2023 – Pedestrian Safety and Signal Improvement to place the city match and Federal Grant funds in one account.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 56 Capital Transfer](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from his colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-3143](#) Bill 57 Parks and Rec, this evening
Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget by transferring Fifty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Twenty-Three Cents (\$54,959.23) from different capital projects for the final payment to Keystone Consulting Engineers for the work performed for Cedar Pool.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 57 Keystone Consulting Pay](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from his colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-3144](#)

Bill 58 Parks and Recreation, this evening
Amending the 2019 Trexler Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty (\$137,750) Dollars from the Trexler Trust as the balance of the 2019 contribution per General Trexler's will.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 58 Trexler Appropriation](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from his colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-3147](#)

Bill 59 Parks and Recreation, this evening
Amending the 2019 Capital Projects Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$193,775) as a result of the annual receipt of capital improvement funds from the Trexler Trust as designated by the Court Order.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 59 Trexler Capital Appropriation](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from his colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that tomorrow afternoon from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Ripple Community Inc which does a significant amount of work with the homeless community in Allentown will be having an open house for their new facility at 1335 Linden Street. He encouraged Council to attend. He stated that Ripple is a fantastic organization that does a lot of great work in

the community. This Community Center that they are putting together has been serving the community for six or seven months now.

Mr. Julio Guridy announced and sent an email to Council about the 50th Anniversary Celebration for Casa Guadeloupe. It is the first time doing an event like this. Casa Guadeloupe provides a number of services for children, adults, and seniors. They have a health clinic that is free to the community in the 1st and 2nd Wards. It will be on September 12th at 6:00 PM at Jet Port. There is a charge of \$50 to pay for the event. He stated that he is president of the board and they are doing a lot of work in the last seven years he has been president.

Ms. Cynthia Mota invited everyone to Hispanic Heritage Month celebration which is on September 15th from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the Arts Park.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments.

ADJOURNED: 8:31 PM