



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda

City Council

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Contract Approvals

R146

Authorization for Contract with Preferred EAP in the amount of \$11,200.00 to provide assessment of problems and brief counseling or referral to appropriate treatment/service resources. This includes five (5) fifty (50) minute in-person contacts provided to eligible user at no charge to themselves.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: August 21, 2024

August 21, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

Communications:

Executive Session: On August 28, 2024 City Council held an executive session with the City Solicitor and the Chief of Police to discuss the active Lehigh County Common Pleas Whistleblower Litigation, Case Number 2024-C-1294, and the investigation of the August 25, 2024 incident. The session was held pursuant to section 708 of the State's Open Meetings Statute.

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

Old Business:

REPORTS**Co-Responder Meeting – Chairperson Gerlach, Napoli, Zucal**

The committee met this evening.

Committee of the Whole: Council will hold a special meeting to review and discuss the Solid Waste/Recycling Contract on September 16th at 5 PM and consider other general business; the meeting should last for approximately an hour.

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Hendricks, Gerlach

The Committee met on August 28th, there are no future meetings scheduled.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Hendricks, Mota, Napoli

The committee met on August 28th and forwarded two HARB denials and had a presentation and discussion on the housing study and the Re compete grant. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11 at 5:30 PM – the topic of discussion will be the \$1.2M distribution of the Community Reinvestment Fund, the distribution will be listed on the agenda.

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

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

Parks and Recreation: Chair Santos, Affa, Gerlach

The Committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled. The next meeting is scheduled for September 18th at 6:00 PM.

Public Safety: Chair Zucal, Hendricks, Mota

The committee meet this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for September 18th at 6:15 PM.

Public Works: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Zucal

The Committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

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

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

Controller's Report (3 minutes)

The controller's office has submitted two reports:

Bank Reconciliation Review For the month end date: 06/30/202

Review: EMS Billing Process Flow Date of Report: August 26, 2024

Controller Reports

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 73

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$4,500,000) of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) from the Central Fire Station capital project to an active capital project, Police Headquarters.

Bill 74

Amending the 2024 Trexler Fund by authorizing a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Fund in the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$1,762.50) to the operating and capital budgets of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Bill 75

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to support construction of the MLK Trail Extension.

Bill 76

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Fifteen Thousand Forty-Eight Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$15,048.57) from Irving Pool Improvements capital project into Valania Park to use for auto locks and signage and West Park for replacement of the bandshell windows.

Bill 77

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC). These funds will be utilized to create a Master Plan for the construction of recreational fishing and boating access along the Lehigh River in Canal Park.

Bill 78

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to the newly created capital account for the WalkWorks grant to establish a Citywide Bike Infrastructure Plan. These funds have been awarded through the Pennsylvania Department of Health and will be reimbursed when the project is completed.

CONSENT AGENDA

R147

R. Scott Unger, Zoning Hearing Board, Term Expiration: 09/04/2027

R148

Chief Charles Roca - Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals, Term Expiration: 09/04/2027
(Reappointment)

R149

Vicky Kistler, Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals, Term Expiration: 09/04/2027
(Reappointment)

R150

Mark Shahda - Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals, Term Expiration: 09/04/2027
(Reappointment)

R151

Betty Ortiz, HARB, Term Expiration 09/04/2027 (Building Inspector – Alternate)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R144

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 620 N 6th Street

R145

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 240 N 11th Street

R152

Approves one transfer: (1) \$12,164.01 in Parks and Recreation for improvements to Boyle include upgraded equipment to purchase players benches, scorers tables and garbage cans.

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

Bill 79 Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an appropriation in the amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) from the Trexler Fund to the WPA Structures capital projects account. These funds will be used to repair the stairs Union Terrace Park and is part of the 2024-25 Trexler Capital Project allocation.

Bill 80 Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an appropriation in the amount of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,112.74) from the Trexler Fund to the Cedar Beach Park and Bucky Boyle Park capital project accounts. These funds will be used for improvements to both parks and is part of the 2024-25 Trexler capital project allocation.

Bill 81 Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred (\$920,800) Dollars from American Forests under the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service to support Urban Forestry in the City.

Bill 82 Refer to Public Works

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Five Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$505,000.00) to the newly created capital account for the School

Zone Traffic Safety Upgrades project as part of the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) grant the City was awarded to install and replace school flashers citywide. The City was awarded \$1,500,000 as part of the TASA grant, and the \$505,000 is considered the City's match that is required.

Bill 83 Refer to the Public Safety Committee
Amending the 2024 General Fund by adding the position of Deputy Fire Chief (S21, \$116,034) and Public Health Paramedicine Specialist (S11, \$66,977) and deleting the positions of Emergency Management Coordinator and Community Health Specialist.

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

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN