



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

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If you would like to speak this evening, we are asking that you fill out a card – they are on the back table - and provide them to the clerk before speaking. Include your address.

Please address the Council President. You are given privilege of the floor to provide public comment, it is not a question-and-answer session. If you are speaking 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.

Council will not entertain personal insults or attacks, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose of conducting official business. Please address the Council President not individual councilpersons or city staff. Refrain from insulting or defaming staff, officials and everyone present; refrain from using offensive language, cursing, and making noises while other people are speaking. Remove your hat and turn cell phones off.

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.

Chief James Spang, 435 Ridge Avenue, stated Mr. President, members of Council and the administrative staff that are here. He is representing the

Riverfront Civic Association which is the area between the Jordan and the Lehigh River and the downtown section of Allentown known as the wards. They are seeing a lack of transparency in news releases coming from city hall in regards to law enforcement issues. He asked may he ask a question and the simple one is does the city have a Police product that the press has access to.

Attorney Charles Smith stated to Mr. Spang that this is an opportunity for you to state your concerns. It is not a question and answer session.

Chief James Spang stated that he did not know if they could ask a question or not. He stated that is basically where he is heading. He stated that approximately two weeks ago in the 400 Block of Railroad Street, they had a firearm incident involving some kind of automatic weapon where neighbors down on the scene reported over 12 rounds were fired of a rifle type weapon. Numerous people were scared down there. The police did respond, evidence was taken and it was no public report of this. Because of the lack of having a real news media in the Lehigh Valley, they are getting spooned fed news, not real news. The reason why he brought the blotter up is in days gone by the press from The Morning Call will walk into the police desk, read the blotter and ask questions about specific complaints. They would report on it. Now, it seems that it is spoon fed. Under Mike Moore, they used to get bulletins all the time. There was an armed robbery, there was a shooting, shots fired. That stuff was reported and the neighbors knew. He stated now here is triple concern. He stated that they don't want people shooting up the neighborhood. They want to be notified if something is happening in the neighborhood. By the time the 12 plus rounds story made it around the neighborhood, it was over 30 rounds. That is what happens when you don't report the news. The incident becomes word of mouth or becomes internet chatter. That is not only dangerous for the citizens, it is dangerous for the police and dangerous for the reputation of our community. Two weeks, no public bulletin and no news release. He stated that they want to know why. He holds here a copy of the Catasauqua Police Department Media Report which is about a week up to date. They publish that they show every incident in Catasauqua. Child custody issue happened on Second Street in Catasauqua on the 6th of March at 17:20 in the evening. It identifies the incident. This should be real time. He stated that we database all this stuff in a city-owned computer paid by him and everybody in this room and paid by all of you. That is a computerized record. It is automatically redactable. That you don't give people's names out, unless they have been arrested and they are on a public docket. That should be released to the community. The city of Reading typed his address in and if he lived in Reading, he can find out what happened within 24 hours. He encouraged City Council to look into it under the Public Safety Committee and come up with guidelines to replace

the nonactive press in the Lehigh Valley with just community notifications that would be given out in real time. People want to read it, they read it. If they don't want to read it, they don't read it. He stated that he needs to know what happens in his neighborhood. He stated that he appreciates their time and good luck. It is a big project, but his thoughts go with them.

Ms. Diane Cheer, 141 E. Cumberland Street, stated that the garbage and illegal dumping in parts of Allentown is sickening. Every day she takes a walk in her neighborhood and there is now one more residential road bordering a nature space that has become a dumping ground for garbage and furniture that only two years ago was beautiful and clean. She lives on the southside which borders Salisbury Township. Our garbage and dumping becomes their problem and vice versa. Trying to connect to the Allentown EAC has been elusive. Salisbury EAC is more accessible. She went to one of their meetings and discussed with them what might be solutions to this problem. One member suggested a joint meeting between Salisbury and Allentown to talk about it. Another suggested that Allentown's cost for illegal dumping is too pricey for most residents. Another felt that the answer lies in police crackdown which is impractical. She thinks a long-term solution, possibly lies in an ongoing education program on this topic in all school grades and continuing for adults in our community. She is not speaking here about one of those education programs funded by powerful people where the program serves as a front to censor people's right to speak, act and think for themselves. These of course have been popping up all over since 2020. She speaks as an integral education program starting with the premise that most people actually want to be considered a vital part of the community. show and teach people everything they should be doing and why. The right images and words are powerful. Instead of billboards saying don't trash Allentown. Depict people from all walks of life properly disposing of trash and say thanks for a beautiful Allentown. Advertising spaces, billboards, and entire sides of buses are bought by those with the most money, but certainly Allentown has some funds set aside for these spaces. Instead of seeing so many spaces pushing a pharmaceutical product for children that is now being called to be taken off the market due to its harm. Some of this space could be used to send a message that is unquestionably good. The trash problem only get worse. Cleanup programs are noble, but the source of the problem remains. She stated that she hears people say people know better than to dump their trash. Clearly, people do not know better. Perhaps an education and an initiative could be a positive beginning.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked that Ms. Cheer please leave her email address with Mr. Hanlon and stated that he will put her in touch with the Allentown EAC.

Contract Approvals: The general idea for approving contracts is acknowledging that proper procurement procedures were followed pursuant to the city code.

[15-6759](#)

R39

Authorization for Contract with Landmarks SGA, LLC in the estimated sum of \$65,000.00 per contract year to conduct architectural surveys of properties within the existing historic districts and update existing property inventories. The firm will also review the efficacy of the City's historic district ordinance and examine existing City policies, including the zoning code and building codes, to make recommendations for continued improvements to the historic preservation program. The scope of work will also include assisting City staff with the enforcement of the historic district ordinance and assisting City staff with public outreach and methods of increasing public awareness of the historic districts. The firm will identify opportunities to increase the historic preservation incentives and investment within the City, work with staff to develop grant proposals to support the City's historic preservation efforts and provide general assistance in implementing the City's Historic Preservation Plan.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R39 - Landmark - Updated](#)
[Resolution #30807](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated to Mr. Hanlon that he might remember this. Either last year or the year before that Council passed something for \$50,000 where they hired someone to do exactly just this.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he hates to tell him this, Council passed something at the last Council meeting and there was a minor mistake on it. He stated that this corrects the mistake.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he is referring to the Council passed something either last year or the year before and forgot the name of the company. They would survey and determine which houses need improvement within the historic district. He stated that they definitely did something like that. He thinks it was like \$50,000. His question is why are they doing this again. What was the result of the first thing they passed.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated let's get some clarification from the administration.

Attorney Charles Smith asked which agenda was it on.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it was on the last agenda and there was a mistake on the bid tabulations and they thought it was such a mistake, it

could not squeeze by as a squiggle's error so they were doing a redo. It was just at the last meeting.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that she is here almost two years and does not recall, but Mr. Zucal may be correct. She does not recall something exactly like this. She stated that they have always had a HARB Consultant on contract with them that have offered recommendations. This is the first time that she is aware of. She stated that she could be wrong. They are doing the property by property assessments, but they are also looking at all the regulations and all the ordinances that they have for realignment. She can look back, but unfortunately, they lost their HARB Planner. She can try to look back to previous Council meetings or through one of the existing staff that is still here to see if she can find that.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated to Ms. Kistler you may be right. It might have been for a consultant.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that she believes it probably was.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this may be a little different. He stated that he knows that they spent some money on somebody to determine improvements or what should or shouldn't be in the historic district. He stated to Ms. Kistler what she is saying is probably true.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he thinks Mr. Zucal is right. There was a consultant hired. He remembers their being from New York City.

Attorney Charles Smith offered some clarification. He stated that he has the agenda from a meeting in March 6th and it looks like this is essentially a redo on what was then Resolution #32 which passed 7 - 0, but the estimated sum has increased from \$65,000 from \$49,781 so perhaps that is why it has come back.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated correct.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked what is the increase for. What is the difference for? You said it was 49 something and now it is 65. What is the mistake?

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated it was just a mistake.

Mr. Sarrah McNeil stated that the cost proposal was read incorrectly when revealing it and when the contract and they wrote the Resolution they incorrectly wrote the dollar amount.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated fair enough. Thank you, Sarrah.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any other comments from the dais.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked would this include within this what items they may be looking at. His understanding is and he knows that he has spoken to him about it is one of the things that is not included in it is color. He has been receiving complaints about some of the homes and the painting that has been done where they totally painted their homes which stands out like a sore thumb in the neighborhoods.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that is something that they can send to committee to discuss on a committee level. They are just addressing the procurement here.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he was wondering was this going to be part of this.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that she does not know. They can look into the actually terms within the contracts and get back to them on that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that will be fine.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they can discuss it at committee. He just thinks now it is tough to get those answers. It is worth a conversation.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he is fine with that.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there was anything else from the dais or comments from the public.

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 30807

[15-6760](#)

R40

Authorization for Contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. in the amount of \$233,336.00 to provide consulting and engineering design services related to the D&L Trail: Allentown East Segment Design. This was competitively bid, six (6) bids were received, however, one (1) bid was rejected.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R40 - Michael Baker](#)
[Resolution #30808](#)

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

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 30808

[15-6761](#)

R41

Authorization for Contract with Construction Masters Services, LLC in the amount of \$1,988,377.50 to construct/reconstruct ADA Ramps in accordance with the Americans with Disability Act and remove and dispose of sidewalk and/or concrete curb, located within the City limits, along with incidental work as may be authorized and required by the Contract Administrator. This was competitively bid, five (5) bids were received, however, one (1) bid was rejected.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R41- CMS](#)

[Resolution #30809](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked Mr. Shahda how many ramps are we talking about.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated 386 ramps.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked Mr. Shahda how many ramps are we talking about.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated 386 ramps.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that is a lot. Thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked who pays at the end of this. If a property owner is ordered that he has to replace sidewalks as a result of UGI working there. He asked who actually pays the final bill for this?

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that if it is work being done under their Street City Pavement Program, it will be the homeowners responsibility. For all pavement costs that are done under the Utility Cost Share Agreement, there is no curb and sidewalk requirement. This is money that is coming in

from both UGI and LCA to fund strictly the handicapped ramps. There will be no enforcement of curb and sidewalk replacements under the Utility Pavement part.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated only for the City of Allentown Streets Pavement Program.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Shahda.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there was any comments from the dais or any comments from the public.

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 30809

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-6771](#) March 6, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [March 6, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Communications

An Executive Session was held on March 6, 2024 for the purpose of considering the purchase of real estate and matters related to the initiation and conduct of an investigation.

Council's office received a petition requesting an intermunicipal liquor license transfer for City Center Hospitality Ten, LLC located at 950 Hamilton Street. The Public Hearing on the transfer will take place on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 6:15 PM

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

Old Business: NONE

REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Hendricks, Gerlach

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for March 27th at 6 PM.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Hendricks, Mota, Napoli

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for April 10th, time to be determined.

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 on March 13th and forward items on this evening's agenda; the next meeting is scheduled for April 3rd at 5:45 PM to review legislation being introduced this evening.

Public Safety: Chair Zucal, Hendricks, Mota

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for April 3rd at 6 PM to review legislation being introduced this evening.

Public Works: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Zucal

The Committee met this evening, the next meeting is scheduled for April 3rd at 6:15 PM to consider Bill 13, the vacation of Type Street.

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

The committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for March 27th at 5:30 PM.

Controller's Report (3 minutes)

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that there are three Reports and are on your agenda this evening. Two are bank reconciliations and the three one is a petty cash account for the Fire Department. He suggested that Council read them at their own convenience. He would note that the petty cash account for the Fire Department showed that everything was A OK.

Mayor's Report (3 minutes)

Ms. Genesis Ortega stated that there in no Mayor's Report, but if she can take a brief moment to address Mr. Spang's comments during Courtesy of the Floor. She stated that she wants the record to reflect that the Allentown Police Department and the city's IT Department are working on a Crime Dashboard. That would address the

concerns that he brought up during his remarks during courtesy of the floor. It is a public facing dashboard for neighborhood level crime statistics in the city. They are currently working on that now. They have been working on that for a few months now. They are hoping to release that shortly.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he appreciates that update. Thank you.

[15-6779](#) Controller Reports

Attachments: [Fire Petty Cash](#)

[Bank Rec](#)

[Bank Rec 2](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-6614](#) Bill 7
Amending Article III, Retail Pet Shops, by prohibiting the sale of guinea pigs by pet shops.

Sponsors: Gerlach and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 7 Guinea Pigs](#)
[Letter in Support of an Ordinance to Prohibit the Retail Sale of Guinea Pigs and Betta Fish](#)
[Supports adding Betta Fish as Protected Species](#)
[Ordinance #15982](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated to Mr. Zucal, this is your committee. He asked if there are any Report or comments.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was presented, there were some speakers and sent favorably to Council.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mr. Zucal and asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that during that conversation, the idea of adding a Betta Fish came up. Some folks had expressed maybe they should do that, but there are more of them here now. She stated that she will make the amendment to add Betta Fish to this Ordinance.

Attorney Charles Smith stated that they will have discussion on that Motion.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated just that amendment right now, correct.

Attorney Charles Smith just what's in front of you.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any comments from the dais regarding the amendment proposed by Ms. Gerlach.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she will just explain. She stated that she does not proclaim to be an expert on animal abuse, but they had some experts here so she is going to trust their opinion. They trust expert opinions all the time on things that they are not experts on. She stated that so what they testified which she is sure they need to come back up, they would share and it just seems like a good move.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any other comments from the dais and asked if there were any public comment.

Ms. Liz Cabrera Holtz, Senior Campaigns Manager - World Animal Protection and also an attorney who specializes in retail pet sales in the pet industry. Many people are familiar with puppy mills and these dogs are coming from these cruel mills. What people don't realize virtually all animals sold in pet stores comes from mills. Also, that includes Betta fishes. These fishes have no legal protections. There are no laws or rules. The minimum conditions are for how these animals are bred, how they are shipped to pet stores, and even how our states and counties regulate stating that your dog has to be and you can't leave your dog out in the cold all night when it snows. With betta fishes they don't have these types of rules. That leaves them vulnerable to severe neglect and abuse. Pet stores are also giving bad information to customers about betta fishes. As she said to the committee that these fishes are sold in these tiny Tupperware containers. To be clear, the pet stores are not saying you can go home and keep a fish in a Tupperware container, but they are giving them bad information and say they could keep them in a one gallon tank. In reality, they need a 10 gallon tank. At minimum five gallons. They need filtration. They need heating. They need live plants. They need caves and rocks to swim around in. They are essentially treated and what she heard people call betta fishes are living ornaments. Like an ornament that you hang on a tree. They are not. They are living beings. They are fishes. They need everything she just mentioned. Because they have the pet store industry selling them in these small containers, people don't realize it. She has small children and they see an animal, they natural want them. Parents think that betta fishes are a good idea because they think they are really easy to care with and that is not similar to the guinea pig problem. Again, they are not. They are very difficult to care for. Because they are kept in poor conditions where they are bred. They are kept in poor conditions in pet stores and they are seeing these problems also happening at home. They urged Council to banning the retail sales.

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

on the amendment.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if they are gold fish.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it is different from a gold fish.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it is a fish that they consider a fighting fish.

Ms. Candida Affa stated a fighting fish. She stated that she agrees with Mr. Zucal. She needs more information. Watching fish in fish tanks is very pretty thing and she doesn't know what betta fish is. If they go into fish tanks, are they eaten? She doesn't know enough about it.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated regarding the guinea pigs, any comments from the dais on the original Bill, Bill #7. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

Ms. Cheryl Petrillo, Hellertown, PA, took a moment just to thank Ms. Gerlach and Mr. Zucal for sponsoring this and also going back almost a couple years ago being the first city in the Lehigh Valley to initiate the three tail pet sale ban. She commended them all on their humane leadership. She thanked Mr. Hanlon for his patience with her and all her emails. She stated that he has been very responsive and she appreciates it.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Ms. Petrillo and asked if there were anymore comments or questions from the public.

A motion was made by Ce-Ce Gerlach, seconded by Natalie Santos, to add Beta Fish to Section § 163-33 Prohibition on sale of dogs, cats and rabbits or guinea pigs by pet shops under A.

Yes: 3 - Daryl Hendricks, Natalie Santos, and Ce-Ce Gerlach

No: 3 - Ed Zucal, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15982

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15982

[15-6666](#)

Bill 8

Amending the 2024 Trexler Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$8,634.71) from the 2023 Springwood Trust, Trexler operating budget of the Parks Department to the 2024 Springwood Trust,

Trexler operating budget for the purpose of purchasing benches and the installation of concrete pads at Trexler Memorial Park.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 8 Trexler Springwood 2023 Funds](#)

[Ordinance #15983](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mr. Hanlon and stated Ms. Santos, this is your committee. He asked if there are any comments or reports.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated no comments. It was forwarded favorably.

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

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15983

[15-6667](#)

Bill 9

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million, Three Hundred Thousand (\$1,300,000.00) Dollars from the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) grant for the purpose of rehabilitating the historic Bogert's Bridge, located in the Lehigh Parkway.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 9 - PennDOT Grant Funds Appropriation](#)

[Ordinance #15984](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this was also in Ms. Santos' committee. He asked Ms. Santos does she have anything to report.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated that the committee also forwarded this favorably to tonight's Council.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated great and asked if there were any comments from the dais or from the public.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated to Mr. Zucal that he chairs this committee and asked if he had any comments.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated no, except it was sent favorably. He stated that it was

a good report by the Chief on why we need it.

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

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15984

[15-6668](#)

Bill 10

Amending the 2024 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from The Hartford grant for the purchase of a fire extinguisher simulator.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 10 Fire Dept Hartford Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15985](#)

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15985

[15-6669](#)

Bill 11

Amending the 2024 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) from Norfolk Southern Rail, Safety-First grant. This grant is to purchase hazardous materials related equipment for incidents that may occur as a result of a railway incident along the Norfolk Southern railway that runs through the City of Allentown.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 11 Fire Dept Norfolk Southern Rail Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15986](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this is his department as well.

Mr. Ed Zucal echoed his same comments as the previous Bill.

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

Ms. Valerie Chambers stated that it was just that spill. That train derailment in Lehigh County. She stated that she was wondering if this was a part of that or for the future that they are on the lookout for. It is a break switch that

the government won't put in.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that is a separate jurisdiction there. This is what he would prefer to as preventive. It would allow the firefighters to train and be able to have safety equipment available to them in an event something like that happens.

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

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15986

[15-6670](#)

Bill 12

Amending the 2024 Grant Fund budget to accept Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) from the FY 2023 Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program Phase 1 strategy development grant.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 12 - Recompete Phase 1](#)

[Ordinance #15987](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this was in your committee, Mr. Hendricks.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it was and forwarded by the committee, 3 - 0 for a favorable recommendation to the full Council.

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

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15987

[15-6724](#)

Bill 14

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an appropriation in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) from the Trexler Fund to the WPA Structures capital projects account. These funds will be used to repair the stage and columns at Union Terrace Park. This is part of the 2024-25 Trexler Capital Project allocation.

Attachments: [Bill 14 Parks 2024 WPA Allocation](#)

[Ordinance #15988](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this was in Ms. Santos committee.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated that this bill was forwarded favorably to today's meeting.

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

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15988

[15-6725](#)

Bill 15

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500.00) from WPA Capital Project into the Franklin Park Capital Project. These funds will be utilized for the creation of a concept plan for Franklin Park as part of a grant application.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 15 Parks WPA to Franklin](#)
[Ordinance #15989](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked Ms. Santos if there were any comments from the committee.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated that the committee forwarded it favorably to tonight's meeting.

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

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15989

[15-6726](#)

Bill 16

Amending the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$23,915.00) from the 2023 United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant that will be passed through from the Lehigh County to the City of Allentown Police Department. These funds will be used to purchase traffic equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 16 2023 JAG - Lehigh County Funds](#)
[Ordinance #15990](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated to Mr. Zucal this was in your committee.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes. It was sent favorably and just so everyone knows that the money is planning on to be spent on one of those digital boards that says accident ahead, police activity. It doesn't really say what it is for, but that's what they want to use it for.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated thanks for the clarification. Any other comments from the dais or questions or comments from the public?

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15990

[15-6727](#)

Bill 17

Amending the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$385,000.00) from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant to the City of Allentown Police Department. These funds will be utilized for reimbursement of expenses for the purchase of integrated fingerprint technology, license plate readers and integrated gunshot technology.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 17 PCCD Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15991](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this was also in Mr. Zucal's committee. He asked if there were any comments.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was sent favorably.

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

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15991

[15-6728](#)

Bill 18

Amending the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Fifty-Four Dollars (\$1,183,054.00) from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant to the City of Allentown Police Department. These funds will be utilized for reimbursement of expenses for the purchase of new city cameras, new in-car cameras for the entire police fleet and new body-worn cameras.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 18 PCCD Grant 2](#)

[Ordinance #15992](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated to Mr. Zucal that this was in your comment. He asked if there were any comments.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was sent favorably.

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

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15992

[15-6729](#)

Bill 19

Amending the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$25,500.00) from the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant to the City of Allentown Police Department for the purpose of funding overtime pay of patrol presence in an effort to suppress violent crimes and drug investigations in the Keystone Opportunity Zone in Allentown.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 19 Police JAG Grant Appropriation](#)

[Ordinance #15993](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated to Mr. Zucal he is working overtime and asked if there were any comments from his committee.

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Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes, it was sent favorably.

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

Mr. Santo Napoli stated to Mr. Zucal he is working overtime and asked if there were any comments from his committee.

Enactment No: 15993

[15-6730](#)

Bill 20

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) to the Capital Project Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. These funds have been awarded as an MTF-DCED grant and will be reimbursed when the project is completed. The project includes the replacement of the existing rusted streetlights with 24 new LED luminaires and street light poles.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 20 MLK Jr Dr Lighting Funds](#)
[Ordinance #15994](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this was in Ms. Gerlach's committee.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it was forwarded favorably to tonight.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there are any other questions or comments from the dais or from the public.

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15994

[15-6731](#)

Bill 21

Amending the 2024 General Fund budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) from the Khan Partnership for traffic signal improvements.

Attachments: [Bill 21 Traffic Signal Contributions](#)
[Ordinance #15995](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this was also in Ms. Gerlach's committee this evening.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated yes, it was and was forwarded favorably to tonight.

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

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15995

[15-6732](#)

Bill 22

City Council authorizes the City to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of Allentown.

Attachments: [Bill 22 RACA Intergovernmental Agreement](#)
[Ordinance #15996](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this was in Mr. Hendricks committee and asked if there were any comments.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this was forwarded favorably by all members of the committee.

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

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that initially she was hesitant, but it does say if there are any issues as long as the committee gives the city 60 days or so they can pull out and not have this intertwined relationship with the city. She stated that she will be supporting it.

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

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15996

CONSENT AGENDA: There are no items.

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-6723](#)

R37

Establishes a Special Committee to provide a framework for Understanding, Implementing and Evaluating Co-responder Public Safety Models

Sponsors: Gerlach, Santos, Mota, Napoli and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [R37 Special Committee](#)
[Resolution #30810](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this was in Mr. Zucal's committee and asked if there were any comments.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was sent favorably and as the chief reported, it will be a PILOT Program.

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

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that the whole idea here is to collaborate with everyone so that it ends up being an effective program.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any other questions or comments regarding the amendment on the floor. He asked if there were any comments or questions from the public regarding the amendment.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they are back to the Resolution. He asked if there were any other comments or questions from the dais on the Resolution. He asked if there was anything from the public.

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks, seconded by Ed Zucal, to have the District Attorney's Office involved in providing testimony in all phases of this study adding another Whereas.

WHEREAS, the Committee will take testimony from organizations inclusive of the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office.

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 30810

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 30810

[15-6680](#)

R 38

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 425 N. 10th Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R38 HARB Resolution to DENY - 425 N. 10th St](#)

[425 N 10th Street Final Report](#)

[Resolution #30811](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this is Mr. Hendricks committee. He asked if there were any comments.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this was approved favorably by the entire committee. His understanding was there was no contact made or no response from the owner of this property.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mr. Hendricks for the background and asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais or any comments from the public.

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 30811

[15-6762](#)

R 42

Approves the submission of an application for a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the design of Franklin Park. The City is asking for \$200,000.00 in grant funding with a match required – in-kind or cash.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R42 - Franklin Grant](#)

[Resolution #30812](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there was any background from the administration.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that this is a grant application for a DCNR Grant. It is the C2P2 grant and what they are trying to do is a design for Franklin Park. This is just the first Phase in that process. They will attend different

community meetings, getting input and then starting the design. If they get the grant, that is.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated fingers crossed. He thanked Ms. Tolino for the background. He asked if there were any comments or questions from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he knows that they always get into this and it ends up being more money and more money as they go along. He asked Ms. Tolino if she had any rough idea. Obviously, if she thought about this, she would have thought about a plan and what she wants to do with the park. He asked her if she had any idea about what it might cost.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that she can't really say because they have committed to the community that they are not going to make any decisions about their input. It really varies depending on what the community wants to see there. They want to see more water features or a pavilion and that can make the price more expensive. This grant is to find that answer out. So it will be taken through the process and asking people what they want to see and then giving the city a really solid number for what it will cost to do the renovations. For most parks to redo them is a few million dollars. The city can apply for another grant to help support that project once they get through the design phase.

Mr. Ed Zucal thanked Ms. Tolino and Mr. Napoli.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he is just curious, what is the timeframe for the community portion of it. Is it 60 days or 90 days to get that feedback?

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that it is a really lengthy timeline to be honest. Right now, it is submitting the grant to see if they get it. They won't know until November and they will not be able to start work on any of it until next year. Right now, they are soliciting feedback for a Concept Plan which they will use to submit the grant. They have done that and she is attending the meeting this week as well to get a little feedback to make sure that it is included in the application, but none of the design won't happen until next year, if they get the grant.

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

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 30812

Request to suspend the rules to introduce and vote on resolution 43.

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

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that the Rules are Suspended and the Resolution is before Council.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this is actually in Ms. Gerlach's committee. He asked if there are any comments regarding this issue.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that the only comments that she will have is in conversation with Mr. Shahda. Once the garage was brought in-house, it went from a couple hundred to thousands of invoices. She stated that they definitely need this to function.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Ms. Gerlach for the background. He asked if there were any more comments or questions from the dais.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she agreed with Ms. Gerlach. When they brought it in-house, they knew it would save and they also knew that they would have more employees and more work. She stated that it is certainly needed.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that it sounds based on the workload that it is needed. He commended the team in the Public Works Department for all of the work they are putting in and bringing this garage in-house and increasing efficiencies for the city. There are some growing pains, but they will get through the growing pains. This is one of them. He asked if there are any more questions and asked Mr. Glazier if he had any comments.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier thanked Mr. Napoli and stated just briefly he thinks that they were all shocked with the increase in the workload. His office feels it as well. he really thinks that Public Works need to do an accommodation and decided that they can do this with a part-time employee and use that money as smartly as possible. He stated kudos to them.

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

A motion was made by Santo Napoli, seconded by Ed Zucal, to Suspend The Rules to introduce and vote on Resolution 43.

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Request to suspend the rules to introduce and vote on resolution 43.

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

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

[15-6769](#)

R 43

Approves a transfer of \$32,000 in Garage for a part-time Clerk 3 to assist with entering invoices and ordering vehicle parts; due to high number of invoices entry in the Garage.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R43 Transfer Funds](#)

[Due to High Number of Invoice Entry in the Garage a Part-time Clerk 3 is Needed Resolution #30813](#)

Yes: 6 - Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 30813

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

[15-6763](#)

Bill 24

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Inc. (NSPCB). These funds are a contribution to go towards the construction of Bogert's Bridge rehabilitation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 24 - Bogert's Bridge Donation - NSPCB](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-6764](#)

Bill 25

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) from the National Society for the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, Inc. (TBCBSP). These funds are a contribution to go towards the

construction of Bogert's Bridge rehabilitation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 25 - Bogert's Bridge Donation - TBCBSP](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-6765](#)

Bill 26 Refer to Community and Economic Development Committee Amending §455-139B(6) of the Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code, Article XVIII, Licensing Residential Rental Units, Owner and Occupant duties, to remove the requirement that multiple disruptive conduct reports filed within a twenty-four (24) time period count as a single disruptive conduct report.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 26 - Disruptive Conduct Amendment](#)

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

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if the police can be called to an address eight times in one day and it only counts as one. That defeats the whole entire purpose of having the ordinance.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she agrees with Mr. Zucal. At 7:00 in the evening they can be called and the folks there decides that they are going to keep partying. Now, it is 11:00 and now half the neighborhood has been disturbed and the police has to come again. It is using our police officers two to three times.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they will definitely flush that out in the committee. This will go to Mr. Hendricks committee and they can continue that conversation and have public comments as well.

Attorney Charles Smith stated that if they look at the language, it says it is to remove the requirement that multiple disruptive conduct reports count as a single disruptive conduct report. He stated that he would just take a real hard look at the language. It may be actually tightening it up.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they will study that more closely.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-6766](#)

Bill 27 Amending the 2024 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental

appropriation of Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$779,228.00) from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development Local Share Account grant for the purchase of a new fire truck.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 27 - Fire LSA Grant Appropriation](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-6768](#)

Bill 28

Amending various sections of the city code by removing penalties providing for imprisonment as a means of enforcement.

Sponsors: Gerlach and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 28 De-imprisonment](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE RULES, CHAMBERS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):
NONE**

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 7:35 PM

[15-6577](#)

Reference Materials:
Council Rules
Procurement Code
Ethics Code

Attachments: [Procurement Code](#)

[Ethics Code](#)

[Rules](#)

15-6802

Proclamation for Order of DeMolay

Mr. Ed White thanked Mr. Napoli and members of Council and the administration. It is his pleasure to be here. He is a senior DeMolay from Allentown Chapter which meets in the Masonic Temple at 1524 Linden Street in Allentown. The Chapter is sponsored by Allen Commandery

which is the Christian Masons that meet in that building and they meet in the room. With him this evening he has two of the young men. A member who is about to turn 17 who has been in DeMolay for four years and his younger brother who has been in DeMolay for a few months. He introduced Tony Martinez and his brother Aaron Martinez and with them this evening is another member of the Advisory Council mom Ingrid Green will be taking pictures. He stated that Aaron and Tony are representatives of Allentown Chapter of DeMolay.

Mr. Santo Napoli welcomed Aaron and Tony.

Mr. Ed White asked Tony Martinez to tell the members of Council and the public how you became a member of DeMolay.

Tony Martinez stated the way he became a member is his father is a Free Mason for the Bethlehem Lodge and they had a talk about it. His father told him about the fun activities that they will do and stated that he had nothing else to do at that point. He joined just to have a great time.

Mr. Ed White asked why are you still involved and what have you learned. What are a couple of things you have learned. He asked Tony where are we going on Saturday.

Tony Martinez stated that it is fun. He stated he learned respect and speaking. They are going to Reading.

Mr. Ed White stated that DeMolay has two degrees. The initial degree is where they teach the seven cardinal virtues of the organization: filling of love which is the love of parents, reverence for sacred things, courtesy and comradeship, fidelity, cleanliness and patriotism. They do that in one degree in which it is called the initiatory degree and then teach another important lesson which is fidelity which is our fifth precept through a DeMolay Degree which is basically a play which recounts the trial and execution of Jacques de Molay who was the last Grand Master of Knights Templar in France during the time of the crusades. He is a heroic knightly figure and their name comes from Jacques de Molay. DeMolay is the Americanized version of de Molay which means Jacques of de Molay which is a place in France. They have been here since 1926. DeMolay was founded in Kansas City, Missouri in 1919, came to Pennsylvania in 1923. Last year, Council was able to help them celebrate the 100th Anniversary DeMolay in Pennsylvania. In two years, Council will help them celebrate their 100th Anniversary in Allentown. He stated that it is really his pleasure to be able to help, mentor and teach these young men the values of the organization and help them grow. He stated that he joined when he was 14 so next year when he comes back he will have been in DeMolay for

50 years. He asked Tony and Aaron to pass out to Council flyers about them which has contact information. He invited members of the public if they have young men between the ages of nine and 21 to come up and speak to a Councilmember afterwards and ask for a copy of this. The phone numbers of two of the advisors are on this and they can reach out to them and they will tell them about it and invite them to a fun activity. No pressure. If you are interested and knows someone that is interested then they can come and join them and have fun and learn what these young men have learned. He thanked Council for the opportunity and recognition. He asked for a photo opportunity.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that before the Invocation, he wants to take a moment to speak about Glenn Hunsicker who is a longtime Allentown resident and stakeholder. Who has been very involved in our community over the years, comes to many of the meetings, and has been involved, especially his family at Bicentennial Park. Mr. Glenn Hunsicker is experiencing health issues out of the area, but the hope is that he is listening this evening. He stated he just wants Mr. Hunsicker to know that his friends and colleagues from Allentown are thinking about him and hoping for a speedy recovery.