



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Please observe the Rules of Council when addressing the body. A full copy of Council Rules can be found on the city website.

Courtesy of the Floor and Public Comment Rules:

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.

Please address the Council President. You are given privilege of the floor to provide public comment. This is a time to present comments, 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 - the idea being the entire group does not come up and make the same type of statement. Please be sure to state your name and address for the record and fill out a card.

Courtesy of the Floor is meant to provide public comment on items that are not on the agenda; Council will take all comments under advisement and have the appropriate officials get back to you if necessary. If you have materials for Council, please distribute it to the Clerk.

Public comment during consideration of ordinances, resolutions and motions is limited by topic – your comments must be relevant.

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.. Refrain from using offensive language, cursing, and making noises while other people are speaking. Act with decorum. Remove your hat and turn cell phones off.

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.

Contract Approvals

R215

Authorization for Contract with Harvey Z. Raad Real Estate in the rate of 3.0% of the sales price for the City to acquire a property if it is on the open market, 4.0% of the sales price

for the City to acquire a property if it is NOT on the open market and 5.0% of the sales price for the City to sell a property, they are to assist the City in facilitating the acquisition and sale of residential and commercial properties.

Attachments: [R215 Harvey Z. Raad Real Estate](#)

R216

Authorization for Contract with Heritage Conservation Collective, LLC in the amount of \$175,000.00 to provide routine maintenance needs for the City-owned artwork and address any critical maintenance or vandalism issues that arise.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R216 Heritage Conservation Collective, LLC](#)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Communications

Old Business

REPORTS

The next regular council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 2 at 6:30 PM.

Organizational Meeting: On the first Monday of January in every year following a regular municipal election and on the date of the first regular meeting in all other years, the Members of Council will assemble and organize and elect a President and vice-president of Council from among its members. If the first Monday of January in a year following a municipal election is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held on the first day following. All newly elected members will take the oath of office at the organizational meeting. (27728 12/5/01)

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Hendricks, Gerlach

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 10, time to be determined.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Mota, Napoli, Affa

The committee met on December 12th and forwarded items on this evening's agenda.

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

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

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Mota

The Committee met December 12th and forwarded items on tonight's agenda.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

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

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Santos, Hendricks

The Committee met on December 12th at 6:15 PM, there are no future meetings.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations, and Strategy: Chair Hendricks, Mota, 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)

Mayor's Report (3 minutes)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 104

Providing for the vacation of South Sixth Street from the centerline of Mason Street to the centerline of Dixon Street in the Nineteenth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 104 South Sixth Street from the centerline of Mason Street S 6TH Street Vaction Staff Report](#)
[Staff Report PW Report on Portion of South 6th Street from Mason Street to Dixon Street - Ap](#)
[Planning Staff Report - South 6th Street from Mason Street to Dixon Street - Ap](#)
[Staff Report S 6th Street from Mason Street to Dixon Street - Vacation Report](#)

Bill 105

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Twenty Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Dollars and Twenty-One Cents (\$20,492.21) from Valania Park Capital Project into the Cedar Creek Bridges Capital Project for the repairs of the remaining Cedar Creek Bridges to be completed. These funds would be placed in the Cedar Creek Bridges capital project.

Attachments: [Bill 105 Cedar Bridges Transfer](#)

Bill 106

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Forty-Nine (\$0.49) Cents from City Wide Park & Playground capital project into the WPA Structures Capital to use for repairs of WPA Structures.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 106 City Wide to WPA](#)

Bill 107

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an appropriation of Four Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$4,250.00) from the Trexler operating budget to the D&L Trail capital account to assist in design and construction of the D&L Trail Allentown Segment.

Attachments: [Bill 107 D&L Trail Allocation](#)

Bill 108

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Six Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen (\$614,417.00) Dollars from the Delaware Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (DLHNC) to support design and construction of the D&L Trail – Allentown Segment as per the agreed Memorandum of Understanding.

Attachments: [Bill 108 D&L Trail DLHNC](#)

Bill 109

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars from Keep PA Beautiful in their efforts to support a volunteer event by Giant/Martin Food Stores for supplies to conduct the volunteer event.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 109 Keep PA Beautiful Grant Appropriation](#)

Bill 110

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Three Dollars (\$ 37,783.00) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development Local Share Account grant for the purchase of a vehicle for Lehigh Valley P4P Boxing.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 110 P4P Appropriation](#)

Bill 111

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty-One Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Eight Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$51,688.80) from PPL for the completion of Phase 2, 3, and 4 of the LED street light conversion.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 111 PPL Street Light Rebate](#)

Bill 112

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Five Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Eight Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$1,574,858.51) from UGI for the purpose of constructing ADA handicap ramps and for the milling and paving of streets under the City's Utility Paving Program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 112 UGI Cost Sharing Program](#)

Bill 113

Repealing Ordinance 15938 passed on August 16, 2023 by administering the grant through the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety and creating proper accounts as required under the grant and The legislation amended the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two-Million-Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to address housing related hazards including radon remediation, asbestos abatement, and electrical and plumbing repairs.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 113 Account Grant Changes](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

R218

Christian Brown, Shade Tree Commission, 12-20-2028

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R 218 Christian Brown, Shade Tree Commission, 12-20-2028](#)
 [Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk regarding Christian Brown - Shade Tree Commis:](#)
 [Christian Brown - Resume](#)

R219

Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts: 29 N. 12th St.; 248 N. 9th St.; 205 N. 9th St.; 1529 W. Turner St.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R219 HARB](#)
 [29 N 12th Street Final Review](#)
 [205 N 9th Street Final Review](#)
 [248 N 9th St Final Review](#)
 [1529 W Turner Street Final Review](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R220

Ashleigh Strange, Human Relations Commission, 12/6/2026

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R220 Ashleigh Strange - Human Relations Commission](#)
 [Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk regarding Ashleigh Strange appointment to the H](#)

R221

Authorizes revisions to the Multimodal Transportation Fund DCED Grant Contract to update the signatories to the current Mayor and Finance Director. (PennDOT Contract No. C000076388)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R221 Mack Blvd Lighting](#)

R222

Authorizes submission of an application to the Keystone Communities Program for a grant of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000) Dollars to support the renovation of the Police Athletic League building.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R222 PAL Keystone Communities Grant](#)

R223

Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) in support of Real Star, LLC.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R223 - Real Star LLC RACP Grant](#)

R225

Approves seven transfers: (1) \$304,578.50 in Public Safety/Police to correct negative

balances for overtime; (2) \$55,000 in Fleet Maintenance to cover invoices for fleet supplies (oil, wipers, etc.) (3) \$23,771 in Fleet Maintenance Operations to correct a negative balance and cost for the remainder of 2023 in the FICA accounts; (4) \$17,548.78 in Recreation (Aquatics) to Correct Negative Balances in the Temporary Wage and FICA Accounts; (5) \$16,000.00 in Recycling & Solid Waste for a Pole Building Will Project (6) \$14,906.50 in Engineering Requiring to place purchase of Wayfinding Project into the proper account; (7)) \$29,000.00 Information Systems for Tyler Technologies Contracts for Eden and EnerGov Support.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R227 Transfer Funds](#)
[Tyler Technologies Contracts](#)
[Aquatics Program](#)
[Fleet Service & Repair - FICA account](#)
[Recycling Droff Off Center pole building](#)
[Wayfinding Account](#)
[Police Overtime](#)
[Fleet Maintenance Supplies](#)

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

Bill 114 Refer to Public Safety
Amending the 2023 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development grant for the purchase of new gear and equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 114 Fire Dept Grant Appropriation](#)

Request to vote on this tonight.

Bill 115
Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty (\$4,950) Dollars from DLNHC (Delaware Lehigh National Heritage Corridor) as part of their Trail Amenity Grant for expenses made to enhance the D&L Trail in Canal Park.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 115 D&L Amenity Grant Appropriation](#)

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

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

Council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers. For copies of the agenda or meeting announcements, please visit our website at www.allentownpa.gov or contact the Clerk at Michael.Hanlon@allentownpa.gov to receive an email notice of the meetings.

Council Rules

Procurement Procedures

Code of Ethics

Attachments:

[Council Rules 2023](#)

[Contract/Procurement Procedures from the Code](#)

[Ethics Code](#)