



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Rev. Benjamin Hailey, Sr. - Union Baptist Church

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Excused: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Courtesy of the Floor

Pastor Benjamin T. Hailey Sr, 2919 Tilghman Street, thanked Council for considering the young people that try to make the city a better place.

Approval of Minutes: April 20 Council and Contract Meeting, April 27 Special Meeting on the Consolidated Grant Programs

MINUTES APPROVED BY COMMON CONSENT

15-835 April 20, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 20 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

15-840 April 20 Special Meeting - Contract Review and Approval Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [37 April 20 Special Meeting - Contract Review and Approval Meeting Minutes](#)

15-839 April 27, 2016 City Council Special Meeting - Review of Consolidated Grants Programs Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 27 City Council Special Meeting - Review of Consolidated Grants Programs Meeting Minutes](#)

Old Business: NONE

Communications

Mr. Julio Guridy read the following:

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, Union Baptist Church, Allentown, Led by Christ Children & Youth Ministry began in 1946 as the UBC Youth Department and has devoted, committed, and dedicated their time in the city of Allentown by volunteering for various organizations which promotes inclusion, builds safe and sustainable community inside and outside the city; and

WHEREAS, Union Baptist Church, Allentown, Led by Christ Children & Youth Ministry formed in order to empower and equip the youth by exploring and sharing God's Word through fellowship and partnerships with organizations that express potential gifts and talents in order to engage and collaborate with the community; and

WHEREAS, Union Baptist Church, Allentown, Led by Christ Children & Youth Ministry is very active and serves 10 youth ministries within Union Baptist Church and is geared towards educating, empowering, training, and aspiring youth by Building Leaders of Tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Union Baptist Church, Allentown, Led by Christ Children & Youth Ministry activities and programs are meaningful for the youths; daily journey which assist in their own personal spiritual growth.

NOW, THEREFORE ALLENTOWN CITY COUNCIL does hereby celebrate youth's name from Union Baptist Church, Allentown, Led by Christ Children & Youth Ministry on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 for volunteering her time and being committed to serving the community.

1. Shaneka Gardner 2. Shaniqua Lindo 3. Petrina Lindo 4. Jessica McLeod 5. Jonathan McLeod 6. Marcus Kyte 7. Malykia Kyte 8. Stephanie Miller 9. Brianna Connor 10. Jaelyn Henry 11. Nia Lawrence 12. Josiah Melendez 13. Terrell Nelson 14. Sophia Zakaria 15. Grace Shepherd 16. Knoxley Samms

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that normally applause is not allowed in the Council Chambers, but this was such a worthy endeavor and to show our appreciation to these young people.

Mr. Ray O'Connell congratulated the youth and asked how many go to the Allentown School District Schools. I'm doubling pride.

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Committee Reports:**Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota**

The Committee met on April 27 and had a healthy discussion on the monthly finances; the next meeting is scheduled for May 25 at 6 PM.

Community and Economic Development: Chair McGuire, Guridy, Mota

The Committee met on April 27th and reviewed the rental inspection program; the next meeting is scheduled for May 18 at 5:45 PM to review Bill 25 which is being introduced this evening.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Affa, MacLean, McGuire

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

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Affa, O'Connell

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18 at 6:45 PM to review resolution 99 being introduced this evening.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, MacLean, Affa

The Committee met this evening; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Public Works: Chair MacLean, McGuire, O'Connell

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for May 18 at 6:30 PM to review two encroachments being introduced this evening.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair O'Connell, Hendricks, Guridy

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

City Controller's Report

Present: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Excused: 1 - Cynthia Mota

15-838 April 27, 2016 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [35 April 27 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

15-841 April 27, 2016 Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [38 April 27 Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

APPOINTMENTS: None**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

- 15-759** Bill 17 Parks and Recreation, this evening
Amending the 2016 Trexler Fund, 2016 Golf Fund and the 2016 Capital Fund by transferring from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Fund to various accounts within the Trexler Fund, Golf Fund and Capital Fund to allow the Parks Department to maintain the parks system using unspent previously allocated funds. This bill will allow the Parks Department to complete the following: Park Maintenance Study, perform electrical repairs throughout the park system, purchase various operating materials, chemicals, mulch, trees and lawn equipment. It will also place \$128,000 in the Golf Fund Capital Program for irrigation repairs. The Rose Garden pavilion number three will also be replaced at an estimated cost of \$22,700 through Capital Project 1905 (Park and Playground Improvements). Also, a new dug-out will be built at Keck Park at the baseball diamond at an estimated cost of \$20,800 through Capital Project 1652 (Keck and Roosevelt Park Improvements).

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 17 Trexler Appropriation 2](#)
[Bill 17 Memo Trexler Ordinance](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that it passed favorably, 2 - 0. He asked his colleagues or the public had any comments or questions.

Yes: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 15282

- 15-760** Bill 18
Amending the 2016 General Fund budget by deleting the position of Equipment Operator II (09M) and adding the position of Equipment Operator III (10M) in the Bureau of Street Maintenance. The purpose of this bill is to take a currently vacant EO 2 position (primarily a tandem truck driving position) and upgrade it to an EO 3, a more versatile position whose primary functions include the following: Street sweepers, asphalt rollers, front end loaders, paving machines, dozers, all size dump trucks and trailers. The upgrade will allow for a more flexible range of use of the employee. This change will also take what is basically a single dimensional position and make it multi-dimensional.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 18 Streets EO II upgrade](#)
[Upgrade Streets EO 3 Ordinance](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it was voted on, but it was not an unanimous vote.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that the vote was 2 - 1 to move it forward to the entire Council. Dr. McGuire and I vote to move it to full Council without a recommendation.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that as Mr. Hunsicker pointed out and asked about the three other positions. He asked Mr. Messinger to look at the positions that are being paid out of grade. He stated that he will probably be voting to approve this position/upgrade.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that we actually looking at that and that is something that we will be coming to you with.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any other comments from my colleagues about Bill 18.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he is for it. I like the flexibility of it for the employees and he thinks it is the right move right now.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it was voted 2 - 1 to move to City Council with no recommendations. My vote was to move it to City Council with a recommendation.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that he moved it without a recommendation to the entire City Council and Dr. McGuire seconded and you voted no.

Ms. Shawn Dethlefsen stated that Mr. MacLean said that he was saying no to moving it without a recommendation.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that Mr. MacLean did that for the benefit of the people that were not here.

Dr. David McGuire stated that he voted to bring this forward. There was a very large discussion about this, including that in 2012 a discussion between a worker representation and city government had made certain arrangements. It is now a little later. I would have thought that matter of the Bill here was related to the previous history. The city government should have approached the labor representatives about the matter.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Dr. McGuire and asked any other questions from my colleagues or the public.

Mr. Ryan Hunsicker stated that we are contesting this based on the

Memorandum of Understanding that was signed with the city in 2012. We will proceed going forward in the collective bargaining agreement in this matter.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if passing this Bill, the administration is not abiding by the contract.

Mr. Ryan Hunsicker stated that he will consult with his legal department. I would assume that there will be a grievance on this.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that it was explained by the administration and explained to Mr. MacLean, myself and Dr. McGuire it is not in violation of the contract. It is the management's prerogative.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that Mr. Marchetto, Manager of Human Resources said that as far as what we are doing with this upgrade has nothing to do with the actual upgrade of that position prior.

Mr. Glen Hunsicker stated that it seems to be a simple thing. The SEIU is coming up at the end of the year. It really should be a contractual thing.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Hunsicker and asked anyone else from the public.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that when he was with the Police Department, they saw the need to add more Sergeant. We didn't reduce the number of rank we added to it.

Mr. Glen Hunsicker stated that everyone wants somebody to improve and move up in grade.

Mr. Greg Hoffman - SEIU, stated that the EO3 Council is looking at is his old EO2. He is now in housing/rental and has moved up. There are MW2s that he knows that would like to be an EO2 that has a lot of time in the city. They would like to move up to that position. We have three guys currently that are being paid out of class for over a year.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any other comments from the public.

Yes: 3 - Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, and Roger MacLean

No: 3 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, and David McGuire

15-771

Bill 19 Council forwarded favorably, 7-0
An Ordinance amending the Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for the Fortieth and Forty-first years of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) which re-programs Thirty-nine Thousand One

Hundred (\$39,100) Dollars of unexpended funds.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 19 Rollover of funds](#)

[Bill 19 Memo](#)

Ms. Heidi Baer, HUD Grants Manager, stated that Bill 19 is the first piece of several pieces of legislation to us put together our Action Plan for the use of federal funds.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that this was forwarded favorably to the entire Council, 7 - 0. Any comments from my colleagues or the public.

Yes: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 15283

15-831

Bill 20 Council forwarded favorably, 7-0

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

Attachments: [Bill 20 Establishing Accounts](#)

[Establishing CDBS HOME and ESG accounts](#)

Ms. Heidi Baer stated that this Bill establishes all the accounts for the programs we are anticipating for the upcoming grant year.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Baer and stated that it was in front of the Council Committee of the Whole and forwarded 7 - 0. Any comments from my colleagues or the public.

Yes: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 15284

15-773

Bill 21 Council forwarded favorably, 7-0

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown from the repayment of loans made through the Rental Rehabilitation Program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 21 Rental Rehab](#)

[Bill 21 Memo](#)

Ms. Heidi Baer stated that years ago the city received a pot of money for rental rehabilitation program. That program has not been in existence for 25 years, but we still get some repayments on loans that has been out in the community for years and every year we reprogram those repayments. This year that amount is \$16,000.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that you said \$16,000. Eventually it will go away. He stated that was forwarded favorably 7 - 0 at the Committee of the Whole. He asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

Yes: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 15285

15-775 Bill 22 Public Works, this evening
Amending the 2016 Capital Project Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Seventy-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$77,829.59) from one Capital Project to another project for additional funding for bridge repairs.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 22 Bridge Repair](#)
[Bill 22 Memo](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it was forwarded favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

Yes: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 15286

15-776 Bill 23 Public Safety, this evening
Amending the 2016 General Fund budget by deleting the position of Clerk Typist 2 - Part-time (05M) and adding the position of Administrative Assistant (07N) in the Fire Administration Office. The purpose of this bill is to create a Full-time Administrative Assistant to provide sufficient office administrative support in the Fire Prevention office and as needed to support the Deputy Chief.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 23 Fire Assistant](#)
[Bill 23 Fire Admin Memo](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this forwarded favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

Yes: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 15287

15-777 Bill 24 Public Works, this evening
Amending the 2016 General Fund budget by adding the position of Part Time MW1 (06M) in Traffic Planning and Control.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 24 PT-MWI - Traffic](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it was forwarded favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

Yes: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 15288

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

15-774 R72 Council forwarded favorably, 7-0
Authorizes the City to submit the Year Action plan to HUD. The Action Plan outlines the use of the federal funds for the upcoming program year in accordance with the priorities outlined in the Five Year Consolidated Plan approved by City Council last year.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R72 Submission of Action Plan](#)
[R72 Action Plan Memo](#)

Ms. Heidi Baer stated that this Resolution allows this city to submit its application for the Consolidated Grants Program - Action Plan that lays out the use of our funding for the upcoming 2016 - 2017 Program Year.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that was forwarded favorably, 7 - 0. He asked any comments from the public.

Yes: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 29260

15-714 R83 Public Works, this evening
Strata II Encroachment: Authorizes the installation of a connector bridge from Southwest corner at intersection of N. 6th Street and W. Linden to Linden Parking Garage

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R83 Resolution Strata II](#)
[Strata II 645 W Hamilton](#)
[Strata II Encroachment Appl](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that this was his committee and was forwarded favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

Yes: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 29261

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

15-792 Bill 25 CEDC, this evening
Amending the 2016 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 reflecting receipt of monies from the US Environmental Protection Agency, Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund to provide for remediation of the Allentown Metal Works Site as part of the Allentown Re-Industrialization Strategy.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 25 Brownfields Grant Funds](#)
[Bill 25 Metalworks Memo](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO CEDC

15-820 Bill 26 Refer to Budget and Finance
Amending the 2016 General Fund budget by deleting the position of Office Manager (09N) in the Bureau of Accounting & Financial Management and adding the position of Financial Analyst (14N) in the Bureau of Finance & Budget Administration. The annual salary is \$59,000, funded as a result of transfers from Accounting and Financial Management to Finance and Budget Administration.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 26 Financial Analyst](#)
[Finance Reorg Memo](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE

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

- 15-715** R97
Authorizes encroachment of bollards on Front Street at
101 W. Tilghman Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R97 Resolution Elias Market](#)
[Elias Encroachment Appl](#)
[Elias 101 W Tilghman](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS

- 15-802** R98
Encroachment Authorization for Canopy at 1674 W Chew Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R98 1674 W Chew Street Encroachment](#)
[Memo - Canopy 1674 W Chew](#)
[1674 W. Chew Street Encroachment Application](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS

- 15-751** R99
Authorizing the Administration to Accept the Deed for the Pocket Park on
Hamilton Street from ACIDA

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R99 Approval of the Deed for the Pocket Park on Hamilton Street from](#)
[ACIDA](#)
[City Council Memo - Pocket Park](#)
[QUITCLAIM DEED Acida-Allentown-Pocket Park](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that he wants the addresses for that.

Mr. Hanlon stated 815 Hamilton Street, 817 Hamilton Street, 819 Hamilton Street, 821 Hamilton Street and a portion of vacated N. Lumber Street.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 7:56 PM

15-617 Home Rule Charter

Attachments: [HOMERULE 2014](#)

15-382 Council Rules

Attachments: [Council Rules](#)

15-523 Committee Members

Attachments: [Committee Members - 2016](#)