



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, April 5, 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 or by email if you contact Council office.

There are multiple opportunities to address Council. Individuals can speak during Courtesy of the Floor (addressing items not on the agenda) and during Bills and Resolutions on Final Passage and Introduction. When given the Floor, please go to the podium and state your name and address. All remarks must be directed towards the presiding officer or council as a body; not a particular Council member or elected official, the audience or city staff. Unless otherwise determined, individuals shall have three minutes to address council and individuals representing a bona-fide group shall have five minutes. Privilege of the Floor will not be extended for personal insults or personal attacks on any individual, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose and intent of conducting official business. Please address council as a body. 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.

(Council Speaking Rules: Members and others given the privilege of the floor will address the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer will extend the courtesy to the Councilperson(s) responsible for introducing legislation the opportunity to speak first. Each member will have the right to speak twice on any subject. No Member will be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject without permission of the Presiding Officer. No Member will speak more than three (3) times on the question without the unanimous consent of all the Members present.

Contract Approvals

R61

Authorization for Contract with Mohawk Contracting & Development LLC in the amount of \$2,735,000 to construct a pool facility at Irving Pool/Andre Reed Park including utility services, admissions and restroom, pool (including pumps, filters, spray features), pool deck (including drainage), artificial turf sitting areas, fencing, site lighting and other work. The contract is for one year; unless by mutual agreement an extension can be made for an additional four, one year terms, multiple bidders.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R61 Mohawk](#)

R62

Authorization for a contract with Radiation Detection Company for \$182.00 to provide quarterly provision of 5 radiation monitoring badges and one control badge for use by the Health Bureau Sanitarians doing lead paint inspections for child lead poisoning investigations. This is below the purchasing requirements, one quote is necessary.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R62 Radiation Monitoring](#)

R63

Authorization for a Contract with Reinvestment Fund in the amount of \$196,645 to provide qualified planning and research organizations to conduct a Housing Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan for the years 2023-2028. The study will enable to better understand housing and housing-related service needs for low- and moderate-income persons and households in order to prioritize needs, develop effective program and policy responses, and coordinate the use of Federal, State and local resources. The Contract term shall cease after five years; upon written agreement, this contract may be extended for up to an additional three (3) months, multiple bidders.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R63 Request for Council Approval - RFP 2022-44 Reinvestment Fund](#)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

March 15, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [March 15, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Communications

Old Business

REPORTS

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 16

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars from the United States Conference of Mayors and the American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America (ABFHA) grant to the Mayor's office Civic Innovations Fund for a hybrid program in Allentown targeted towards childhood obesity prevention, environmental health and sustainability.

Attachments: [Bill 16 American Beverage Association Grant](#)

Bill 17

Amending the 2023 ARPA Fund by transferring One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars from the ARPA Fund to the General Fund for the 1528 West Hamilton St. Affordable Housing Project being developed by HDC-Mid Atlantic. 100% of the funds will be used to offset construction costs of the project.

Attachments: [Bill 17 - HDC Mid-Atlantic ARPA](#)
[1528 West - Allentown CEDC committee-2](#)

Legislative History

3/22/23 Community and Economic forwarded without recommendation
Development Committee

Bill 18

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) Grant to the Allentown Fire Department for the purchase of Holmatro Mini Cutters.

Attachments: [Bill 18 OSFC Grant](#)

Bill 19

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Sixty-Two Cents (\$10,435.62). This was the result of payment in lieu of tree plantings from Indus Reality Trust, Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs, and City Center Investment Corp. Funds will be used for the purchase of new street trees.

Attachments: [Bill 19 Shade Tree](#)

Bill 20

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-Four Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$21,674.46) from the unappropriated balance in the Golf Funds to the Golf Capital Projects fund. These funds will be used for outstanding capital improvements from last year to enhance the golf course.

Attachments: [Bill 20 Golf Capital Funds Transfer](#)

Legislative History

3/22/23 Parks and Recreation forwarded without recommendation
Committee

Bill 21

Amending the 2023 General Fund by transferring Six Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$6,750,000.00) Dollars from the ARPA Fund to be allocated for Two Million One Hundred Thousand (\$2,100,000.00) Dollars for the Water Distribution Main Replacement and Four Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$4,650,000.00) Dollars for the Water Filtration Plant Filters Upgrade.

Attachments: [Bill 21 Water Filters ARPA Request](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

R64

Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts: 325 N. 9th St. and 328 N. 8th St.

Attachments: [R64 HARB Resolution](#)
[325 N 9th Street Final Review](#)
[328 N 8th Street Final Review](#)

R65

Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to support Cedar Crest College.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R65 Cedar Crest College RACP](#)

R66

Authorizes the sale of Police K9 Dingo to his handler Police Officer Joseph Krebs

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R66 K9 Transfer](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R67

Approves two transfers: (1) \$139,808.95 in Garage to Pay for the December 2022 Invoice to the Contractor; (2) \$20,961.00 in Finance – General Support Services (Print Shop) to Increase Funds to Supplement Contract C07-000025 for Canon Color Printer (21 months remaining on Contract).

Attachments: [R67 Transfer Funds](#)
[To Pay December 2022 Invoice to the Contractor](#)
[Increase Funds to Supplement Contract C07-000025 for Canon Color Printer](#)

R68

Approves the submission of an application for a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the continued development of the Martin Luther King Trail. The City is asking for \$250,000.00 in grant funding with a 15% match required – land appraisal or cash.

Attachments: [R68 MLK Trail DCED](#)

R69

Approves the submission of an application for a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the continued development of the Martin Luther King Trail. The City is asking for \$650,000.00 in grant funding with a match required – in-kind or cash.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R69 MLK Trail DCNR](#)

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

Bill 24 Refer to Public Works Committee

Providing for the vacation of Terminal Street from the centerline of Hamilton Street to its South Terminus in the First Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 24 Terminal Street Vacation](#)
[Terminal Street Vacation Report](#)
[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding Terminal Street fr](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Terminal Street from Hamilton Street to its er](#)
[StaffReport and LettertoCityCouncil 3-15-23](#)

Bill 25 Refer to Parks and Recreation Committee
Amending the 2023 Trexler Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Four Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-Five Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$4,195.99) from the Springwood Trust portion of the Trexler Fund's unappropriated 2022 balance per General Trexler's will.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 25 Springwood 2022 Appropriation](#)

Bill 26 Refer to Human Resources, Administration and Appointments
Amending the 2023 General Fund and Information Technology budget by deleting the position of Systems Administrator III (15N); adding the position of Sr. Help Desk Analyst (10N); deleting the position of IT Support Manager (16N) and adding the position of Systems Analyst 3 (16N)

Attachments: [Bill 26 IT Reorg](#)

Bill 27 Refer to Parks and Recreation Committee
Amending the 2023 Trexler Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars from the Trexler Trust to support the Romper Day Program.

Attachments: [Bill 27 Romper Day](#)

Bill 28 Refer to Parks and Recreation Committee
Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to support a comprehensive Parks Master Plan.

Attachments: [Bill 28 Parks Master Plan DCNR Grant](#)

Bill 29 Refer to Community and Economic Development Committee
Amending the 2023 General Fund and Department of Community and Economic Development budget by eliminating the CED Project Manager (14N), adding a Housing Enforcement and Compliance Manager (14N) Building Standards and Safety 10%, Rental 90%; changing a Clerk 3 (08M) to (1) Clerk 3, Bilingual Spanish Required, eliminating an Executive Secretary (7N) and creating a DCED Office Manager (9N).

Attachments: [Bill 29 DCED Reorg](#)

Bill 30 Refer to Committee of the Whole

Amending the Chapter 615, Vehicles and Code, of the City of Allentown Code by increasing the distance a car can be parked from a curb from 6 to 9 inches, allow council by resolution to provide an exemption to parking in front of a private driveway or alongside any street or highway excavation or obstruction, or opposite the same under certain conditions, allowing parking in alleys that are less than 20 feet wide provided there is a 12 foot passage and the car is not parked on the sidewalk, allowing impounded vehicles to be released if the owner is in compliance with a payment plan and re-moving all imprisonment penalties.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Napoli, Mota and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 30 Parking Bill](#)
[Letter to Honorable City Counsel of Allentown - 3.22.23](#)
[Allentown Parking Authority Legislative and Policy Recommendations](#)

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

R70 Refer to Human Resources, Administration and Appointments and EAC
Commits to a “fair and equitable” transition to clean, renewable electricity for municipal operations as part of the City’s commitment to a Climate Plan to mitigate Climate Change

Attachments: [R70 Energy Conserve Final](#)
[GESA Program Recommendation of Allentown EAC](#)
[ELPC-ClimateCities_Solar-Toolkit](#)

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](#)