



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, September 6, 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

R141

Authorization for Contract with NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$112,560.00 to research, advise, make recommendations, and assist in writing the next Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Collection and Disposal Services and Recycling Collection and Delivery Services Bid/RFP documents and evaluate the submitted Bids/Proposals in the City's best interest.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R141 - NewGen](#)

R142

Authorizes lease agreement with Christopher Reverie for residential property located at

250 Springhouse Road, Allentown, PA 18104.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R142 - Christopher Reverie](#)

R143

Authorizes lease agreement with Lehigh Valley Health Network for 0.35 acres, more or less located at 1902 Lehigh Street, currently identified by the parties as the parking lot situated at the Mack South Fire House (hereinafter the "Parking Lot").

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R143 - Lehigh Valley Health Network](#)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

August 16, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [August 16, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Communications

Executive Session Announcement: An executive session, requested by the Administration and City Council, was held on Thursday, August 24th, at 2 PM to review a legal settlement and personnel matters.

Old Business

REPORTS**Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Hendricks, Gerlach**

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

Community and Economic Development: Chair Mota, Napoli, Affa

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

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

The Committee met has not met since the last council meeting; there are no meetings schedule at this time.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Mota

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for September 20th at 6:15 PM.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Santos, Hendricks

The Committee met this evening; there are not future meetings scheduled at this time.

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

The committee has not met since the last Council meeting; a meeting will be scheduled in the near future to deal with a resolution introduced this evening.

Controller Report**Mayor Report**

Controller Reports

Attachments: [Bank Rec - end 4.30](#)

[Fire OT Report](#)

[FMLA - Audit](#)

[P-Card Review May](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 78

Providing for the vacation of Dodge Street from the centerline of South Muhlenberg Street to the centerline of Vacated South Brighton Street in the Eighteenth Ward of the City of Allentown.

Attachments: [Bill 78 Dodge Street from the centerline of South Muhlenberg Street Vacation Dodge Street Vacation Report](#)
[Planning Staff Report](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Dodge Street from S. Muhlenberg Street to S Dodge Street from South Muhlenberg Street to South 24th Street - Vacation Re](#)
[Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Letter regarding Dodge Street Vacation Pe](#)
[S. Muhlenberg Street S 24th Street Labels](#)

Bill 79

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25,725) from the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant for the purpose of overtime pay of patrol presence in an effort to suppress violent crimes and drug investigations in the Keystone Opportunity Zone in Allentown.

Sponsors: Affa and Hendricks

Attachments: [Bill 79 JAG Grant](#)

Bill 80

Amending Chapter 406, Nuisance Abatement, to consistently refer to the Appeals Board as the Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals. This legislation cleans up language relating to the Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals.

Attachments: [Bill 80 Nuisance Abatement Clean-up](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

R144

Sewage Planning Module at Allentown Flex Center

Attachments: [R144 Allentown Flex Center - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[Allentown Flex Center Sewage Planning Module](#)
[Allentown Flex Center Plans](#)

R145

Sewage Planning Module at North Bradford Commercial Development

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R 145 North Bradford Commercial Development - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[North Bradford Commercial Sewage Planning Module](#)
[North Bradford Commercial Plans](#)

R146

Sewage Planning Module at WIP South 12th Street Redevelopment

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R146 WIP South 12th Street Redevelopment - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[1901 S 12th Street Redevelopment - Sewer Planning Module](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R147

Authorizes the submission of the formal application for funding from the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant Services in the amount of One Million Four Hundred and Three Thousand Dollars (\$1,403,000) for three intersections on 17th Street.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R 147 DCED MMG - Revised Final](#)
[DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Revised](#)

R148

Approves three transfers: (1) \$620,000.00 in Public Works – Traffic & Planning for the electric power was centralized in 2023 to have all electric come out of Building Maintenance’s Budget, In Traffic and Street Lighting, there were two accounts that were not switched over; (2) \$176,475.00 in Recycling & Solid Waste for the costs for single stream recycling processing exceeded the budgeted amount due to unforeseen commodity market increases (3) \$32,600.00 in Public Safety/Police – Funding for ESRI web-based software implementation (one-time fee).

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R148 Transfer Funds](#)
[Funding for ESRI Web-Based Software Implementation](#)
[The Electric Power Was Centralized in 2023 to Have All Electric Come Out of B](#)
[Costs for Single Stream Recycling Processing Exceeded the Budget Amount D](#)

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

Bill 82 Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000.00) from the Trexler Fund to the WPA Structures capital fund to complete the repair work to the Lehigh Parkway Phase 4. This is part of the 2023-24 Trexler Capital Project allocation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 82 - Capital WPA Allocation 2023](#)

Bill 83 Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from the unappropriated balance in the Golf Funds to the Golf Capital Projects fund. These funds will be used for the purchase of a new pump station controller.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 83 - Golf Funds Transfer](#)

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

R149 Refer to Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Hendricks, Mota, Gerlach pending legal review by the Council and City solicitors in regard to issues relating to confidentiality, disclosures and power questions.

Approves the expenditure of such funds necessary for a review and investigation of actions related to procedures related to hiring, terminations and discipline of employees as a result of allegations made by NAACP and the terminated HR Director letter in terms of their compliance with the personnel code, and all applicable state and federal laws - using Council's investigative powers if need be.

Sponsors: Gerlach and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [R149 Authorizes Expenditure of Funds](#)

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](#)