



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, October 4, 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 to the issue directly in front of council.

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 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.

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: There are no contracts for approval.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

September 6, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [September 6, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

September 20, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [September 20, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Communications

Old Business

REPORTS

Committee of the Whole:

A Committee of the Whole is scheduled for October 31 at 6 PM to review Bill 87, authorizing an investigation.

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Hendricks, Gerlach

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Mota, Napoli, Affa

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled on October 18th at 5:40 PM.

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for October 18th at 5:45 PM.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Mota

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled on October 18th at 5:30 PM.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Santos, Hendricks

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled on October 18th at 6:15 PM.

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)

City Controller Reports

Attachments: [PCard Review - June](#)

[Bank Rec](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 70

Amending the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Allentown by rezoning certain parcels at 51 N. Front St. and 115 Riverside Dr to B-5 Urban Commercial District, and by adding adds a text Amendment that provides additional requirements for B-5 properties, provides for a repealer clause, a severability clause, and an effective date.

Attachments:

[Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5](#)

[Letter from Urban Residential Properties regarding Rezonign Request Petition -](#)

[Bill Riverside Drive from BLI to B5](#)

[Letter from Jennifer Gomez in Planning regarding Bill #70 51 N. Front Street an](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Posting](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Posting I](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Posting II](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Posting III](#)

[51 S Front Street Posting](#)

[115 N Front Riverside Drive Posting](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Notice](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Notice II](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Notice III](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Posting IV](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Posting V](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Posting VI](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Posting VII](#)

[51 S Front Street Posting II](#)

[51 S Front Street Posting III](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Notice IV](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Notice V](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Notice VI](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Posting VIII](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Posting IX](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Posting X](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Posting XI](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Posting XII](#)

[Public Hearing Bill 70 Riverside Drive from BLI to B5 - October 4 Posting XIII](#)

[The Morning Call Ad 7495076](#)

Legislative History

9/13/23	Community and Economic Development Committee	approved
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Bill 84

Amending the 2023 General Fund budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$312,000.00) from the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant and Seventy-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$78,000.00) from the unappropriated balance as a grant match for an Action Plan.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 84 - Safe Streets Grant](#)

Bill 85

Amending the 2023 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty-Nine Thousand Seventy-Three Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$39,073.63) from the Department of Homeland Security grant for the purchase of Wellness and Fitness equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 85 - Fire Equipment](#)

Bill 86

Amending Part I Administrative Legislation, Chapter 12 Authorities, Boards and Commissions, Article I Board of Recreation by updating the language in Sections 1 – 3.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 86 Recreation Board Amendment revised](#)

Bill 87 There is a request to pull this from committee and act on it.

Authorizing an investigation by an outside agency under Section 210, Investigations, of the Home Rule Charter:

Sponsors: Gerlach and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 87 Investigation](#)

CONSENT AGENDA**R162**

Sewage Planning Module at Entertainment Venue – 827 – 829 West Linden Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R162 - Sewage Planning Module at 827 - 829 West Linden Street](#)

[827 829 W Linden Sewer Planning Module](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**R161**

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 327 N. Nagle Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R161 HARB Resolution to DENY - 327 N Nagle Street](#)

[327 N Nagle Street Final Review](#)

R163

"Judge Memorial Dog Park" at Dixon Street

Sponsors: Administration, Affa, Gerlach and Mota

Attachments: [R163 Judge Memorial Dog Park at Dixon Street Naming](#)
[Judge Memorial Dog Park at Dixon Street](#)

R164

Approves three transfers: (1) \$35,270.00 in Traffic Planning by transferring funds from Account 46 to 68; the Wayfinding Sign installation, originally budgeted as a contract will be done in house, 68 is the proper account to purchase materials; (2) \$14,525 in Parks and Recreation, Golf Course Capital Project, from the 54 to the 46 Account, for improvements to the agronomics of the soil; (3) \$14,355.72 in Parks and Recreation, Jordan Skatepark Project, from the 72 to the 46 Account, the cost for lights was less than expected, the funds are transferred for Phase 2 of the construction.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R164 Transfer Funds](#)
[Needed Because The Wayfinding Sign Installation Was Originally Budgeted in A](#)
[Funds Were Allocated For Improvements to the Golf Course as a Capital Projec](#)
[Funds Allocated To Jordan Skatepark Capital Project for Phase 2](#)

R165

Approves the ransfer of \$30,000.00 in Human Resources from Account 04 (temporary wages) to Account 46, Other Contract Services, to cover additional costs for the HR Consultant that were not budgeted.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R165 Transfer Funds - HR Consultant](#)
[Funds Transferred Are to Cover Contract for HR Consultant](#)

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

Bill 88 Request to introduce and vote on this tonight at this council meeting. Providing for the vacation of Susquehanna Street from the centerline of South 7th Street to the centerline of South Virginia Street in the Twelfth Ward of the City of Allentown.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 88 Susquehanna Street Vacation Ordinance](#)
[Susquehanna Street - Street Vacation Report](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Unopened Section of West Susquehanna St](#)
[Susquehanna Street Vacation Maps](#)
[Susquehanna Street - Street Vacation Report](#)
[Allentown City Planning Commission Action Letter for the Vacation of Susquehanna Street from the centerline of South 7th Street - Mailing Addresses](#)
[Allentown City Planning Commission Action Letter for the Vacation of Susquehanna Street from the centerline of South 7th Street - Mailing Addresses](#)
[Public Works Staff Report on Susquehanna Street Vacation](#)
[Signed Petition from Francisca Garcia \(No Objection to Street Vacation\) for Susquehanna Street](#)

Bill 89 Refer to the Public Works Committee
Providing for the vacation of North Maxwell Street from the centerline of East Turner Street to the centerline of East Linden Street in the Fifteenth Ward of the City of Allentown.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 89 N Maxwell Street - Street Vacation Ordinance](#)
[N Maxwell Street - Street Vacation Report](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding North Maxwell Street from East Turner Street](#)
[Allentown City Planning Commission Action Letter for the Vacation of N. Maxwell Street](#)
[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding North Maxwell Street](#)
[N Maxwell Street from East Turner Street to East Linden Street Report](#)

Bill 90 Refer to the Parks and Recreation Committee
Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Six Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$650,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to support design and construction of the D&L Trail – Allentown Segment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 90 - D&L Trail DCNR Grant](#)

Bill 91 Refer to Parks and Recreation Committee
Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00) from the City's ARPA funds for the repair of the Dixon St. Pedestrian Bridge. These funds will provide for the design and construction of the Dixon St Bridge, which will allow citizens to use this bridge and connect the neighborhoods from the north of Dixon St to South Mountain Middle School and Dodd Elementary school area.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 91 - Dixon St Bridge Funds](#)

Bill 92 Refer to Community and Economic Development Committee
This ordinance corrects legislation previously passed placing the funds into appropriate accounts. The bill will reverse Ordinance 15886, and appropriate the ARPA money allocated for HDC-Mid Atlantic project to the correct expense account within the ARPA

fund. The original Ordinance 15886 was passed and allocated One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to the 2023 General Fund DCED Director's budget. This does not allow for proper tracking and oversight of ARPA funding. The original intention of the Ordinance 15886 was to appropriate One Million \$1,000,000 Dollars for the 1528 West Hamilton St. Affordable Housing Project being developed by HDC-Mid Atlantic. These funds should be placed in the ARPA civic expenses account. 100% of the funds will be used to offset construction costs of the project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 92 - Corrects HDC Mid-Atlantic ARPA allocation](#)

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

R166 Refer to Parks and Recreation Committee

Recommends Mayor Tuerk partner with the Allentown School District on the development and upgrades to Andre Reed Park by exploring all options related to park and school district interests.

Sponsors: Gerlach and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [R166 Lease](#)

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](#)