



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. Julian Kern, 252 E. Walnut Street, Allentown Tenants Association, stated that Kenneth Heffentrager, the Co - Founder has passed away Sunday evening. He was an outspoken advocate for blight, trashed properties, and rental conditions. He always helped everybody.

Ms. Jessica Ortiz, 523 Tilghman Street, stated that she is not sure, but there was an ordinance on Council not participating in any organization that gets funding. Did this pass and is it a law?

Mr. Daryl Hendricks suggested that Ms. Ortiz provide the information to the Clerk and Council will look into it.

Attorney Charles Smith stated that all the city's ordinances are available on that new ECode website.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Ms. Ortiz can go to the Ethics Ordinance. He stated that he will send her a link tomorrow.

Ms. Milagros Canales, 532 N. Walnut Street - Old Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association, stated that Jordan Heights participated in the Winter League with the Parks and Recreation. It was an amazing opportunity. It is about personal growth. She stated that she hopes in the summer, the Council members come out and support the teams.

Ms. Betty Cauler, 2212 W. Tilghman Street, stated that she is here to discuss her favorite subject the Parking Authority. She demands stricter oversight. She asked if it could be a member of the Police Department to

be on the board. She talked about an alley problem and self-regulation. She asked for a night meeting with the Police Department, Parking Authority and Council to go over these problems.

Mr. Samuel Chapman, 418 N. Law Street, stated that he truly believes that they are put on this earth to be Guardian Angels. There was a situation involving a boiler and Lehigh Valley LLC otherwise operating by Richard Smith. he stated that he has eight copies of a Police Report. There is a landlord/tenant situation, and they will be homeless by Monday. The owner is not there for the five-year inspection and numerous constructional issues. There was an incident where he filed an eviction. Judge Devine dismissed it.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that she will continue working with Heidi Westerman. She is very involved in working with this situation and Community and Economic Development will continue to do what they can do.

[15-5700](#)

Privilege of the Floor and Courtesy of the Floor

Attachments: [Courtesy of the Floor and Privilege of the Floor](#)

Contract Approvals

[15-5641](#)

R40

Authorization for Contract with Response Alert, LLC, in the amount of \$72,735.30 to provide and implement a Lone Worker Emergency Alert System across multiple departments and facilities of varying sizes and scopes. Specifically, the City needs a system that is easy to use and maintain, provides timely alerts, is highly reliable and accurate, and provides coverage within many different environments. There were multiple bidders; the contract is for three (3) years, upon written consent the contract term may be extended for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms. Response Alert, LLC, is a small business.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R40 Response Alert](#)
[Resolution #30594](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, comments from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 30594

[15-5642](#)

R41

Authorization for Contract with Ross Body & Frame Works, Inc. d/b/a A-1 Towing Service for a total estimated sum of \$10,000 per contract year to provide towing services for City Fleet vehicles to the City of Allentown. The City of Allentown currently operates a fleet of 620 vehicles and equipment. This project was competitively bid, one (1) response was received.; the contract is for one (1) year, upon written consent the contract term may be extended for up to four (4) additional one (1) year terms.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R41 Ross Body & Frame Works](#)
[Resolution #30595](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments, questions, or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any prior records on how many vehicles were towed per year.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated last year, the contractors spent a little over \$10,000 to tow city vehicles. They took that estimated amount and used that contract sum.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 30595

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-5645](#) February 1, 2023 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [February 1, 2023 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

[15-5646](#) February 1, 2023 Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [February 1, 2023 Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

[15-5644](#) February 1, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [February 1, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Communications: NONE

Old Business: NONE

REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Hendricks, Gerlach

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for February 22 - we are scheduled to have our previous auditors review the CAFR.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Mota, Napoli, Affa

The committee met last Wednesday and reviewed the department's priorities, it was very informative, and we would like to thank the director and staff for the dialogue; the next meeting is scheduled for February 22 at 5:30.

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 has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for March 1 at 5:30 PM to review items being introduced this evening, priorities of the department and a look at the current draft of revisions to the Recreation Commission legislation.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

There was a Special Meeting and for March 8th at 6:00 PM. She is putting it on hold. She will talk to Department Heads and get back to them.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Santos, Hendricks

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for March 1 at 6:15 PM to review Bill 10, which is being introduced this evening - a street dedication for John Snyder, former Little League President of the East Side Memorial Little League.

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

The Committee met on February 8th and forwarded an item on this evening's agenda; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Controller's Report (3 minutes and 5 seconds)

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that with the November P-Cards it is nothing to report. It was a few exceptions. He went over the issues on December P-Cards.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he sees a note here were Mr. Glazier stated that there were no city expenditures regarding a trip to the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazer stated that he was asked about that over the reviews that they

have done throughout the summer and fall from Accounts Payable checks and P-Cards and did not identify any expenses.

Mayor's Report (3 minutes)

NONE

[15-5670](#) Controller Reports

Attachments: [Accts Payable - Jan 2023](#)

[Bank Rec - Nov 2022](#)

[P Card Review](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-5564](#) Bill 2
Repealing and replacing Chapter 406, Administrative Code, Nuisance Abatement with procedures drawn from the Third-Class City Code.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 2 - Nuisance Abatement](#)

[Ordinance - Nuisance Abatement 1-24 revisions \(003\)](#)

[Ordinance #15872](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated that it was moved favorably to City Council.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated with an amendment.

Attorney Matt Kloiber stated that there is also the 406 - 3 Paragraph F that was modified as well.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments, questions, or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Candida Affa, that this Bill be amended to change the Nuisance Abatement Board and it will consist of rather than all of Council, a member of Council and a private citizen who owns and operates a business within the city of Allentown. A private citizen who owns and operates a business within the City of Allentown. A private citizen who resides within the City of Allentown and a private citizen who resides within the City of Allentown.:

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 15872

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Enactment No: 15872

[15-5626](#)

Bill 5

Amending the Police Pension Fund Ordinance with various editorial revisions to enhance its clarity.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 5 Police Pension Ordinance 2023 revision](#)
[Ordinance #15873](#)

Ms. Santo Napoli stated that it was discussed earlier and moved favorably to full Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments, questions, or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 15873

[15-5624](#)

Bill 4

Amending the 2023 ARPA Fund by transferring One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars from the ARPA Fund to the General Fund to develop and evaluate a pilot Credible Messenger Program; and One Million Two Hundred Thousand (\$1,200,000) Dollars from the ARPA Fund to the Capital Fund to cover expenses for the Irving Pool Project.

Attachments: [Bill 4 ARPA Funding Pool and RFP for CMP](#)
[Info/links to various models](#)
[Opportunity--RFP-128-2021-Messenger-Program-06-29-2021-94623 \(1\)](#)
[CDC 2016 technicalpackage](#)
[09282022_RFP_LCWFSfJIY](#)
[Credible-Messenger-RFP_July-8-2016_Revise-2](#)
[RFP 682 Credible Messenger \(1\)](#)
[Proposal to evaluate PNLVs Violence Prevention Program](#)
[Cure the Violence Feasibility Study](#)
[Ordinance #15874](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments, questions, or concerns from his colleagues.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if Council going to remove the pool and discuss Credible Messenger.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments, questions, or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that you still have one Bill. He cannot split the Bill at this point in time. You have a motion to approve the ARPA funding on the Bill.

Attorney Charles Smith stated that Ms. Gerlach made a motion to bifurcate the vote on the Bill. What her motion is that Council would consider Irving Pool \$1.2 million at one time and consider separately the \$100,000.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it is the same Bill.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated for obvious reasons, we are all on various pages when it comes to Credible Messenger. She is fully in support and some of Council are not and want to table or collect data.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she is in agreement. It makes a lot of sense.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments, questions, or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach discussed and asked if Council can wait to table until people to talk. She is in favor of getting an expert that knows how to craft an RFP that could then be put out to all these organizations and get the best Credible Messenger Program. If we are going to do it, we have to do it right. It is a PILOT Program.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments, questions, or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Mr. Dennis Fabo, 26 Livingston Avenue - Ambassador to the National Credible Messenger Movement of the Northeast, stated that they came in solidarity for the city of Allentown to show that they all been working together. Government gets uncomfortable to giving money to the community. This project is just not a program, it is a unification on marriage on system-based services and community-based services. In Hudson County, there was a 60 percent reduction in homicides, 40 percent reduction in shootings, 40 percent in juvenile criminal complaints and currently have youth in shelters in Hudson County. The judge has an instrument in the courtroom.

Ms. Candida Affa asked who financed it in Hudson County and how many cities and what are the names of the cities.

Mr. Dennis Fabo stated that Hudson County is financed by the county and Camden got money from the city and the county. Jersey City is also going to fund them. They have an RFP out right now and the state of New Jersey

started the Department of Violence Prevention. It is more about the buy-in

Ms. Candida Affa stated that many of the them believe that the county should finance it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that is part of his reluctance. The city has to involve the county because it has the juvenile system and the justice system. The city can't control the courts.

Ms. Jessica Ortiz, 523 Tilghman Street, stated that she really appreciates the Credible Messengers supporting Allentown. The people decide who is credible. She has been watching the Credible Messengers for three years and she has not seen anyone discredit them. We have an RFP put out for the same organization that has already been funded. She stated that Promise Neighborhoods has received so much money. She stated the number one fact is that they are not credible.

Mr. Antonne Henshaw, 215 N. 9th Street - Credible Messenger from Camden, NJ, stated that the main purpose of the movement is to use a public health approach with a harm reduction strategy. It is about community stakeholders. How do you keep people from going back into the system? It begins in the community. The main thing is public health and has to look at it as an investment of our young people in the community.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked how closely do they work with the police.

Mr. Antonne Henshaw stated there is a degree of separation and it has to be. It is not a negative thing. What they found with the young people, they have liaison on the ground in the community with the stakeholders.

Mr. Pas Simpson, 215 N. 9th Street - Allentown Credible Messenger, stated that as you can see, they are not alone. They are not funded. They have been doing the work for years now. He stated that Council needs people like him that can go out there and speak to the problem and the solution.

Mr. Jose Rivera, 118 1/2 S. 15th Street, stated that the majority of the work he has done was in this city. When the probation department calls him, he does not ask what city the kids are from. When state parole comes to him, he does not care where these men come from. They got dropped off in our city. Nine people come to our city from state prisons a month, compared to 45 - 100 that goes on the bus.

A motion was made by Ce-Ce Gerlach, seconded by Cynthia Mota, that these two items are voted on separately and approve the Irving Pool Project funding that is part of Bill 4 and have a conversation about Credible Messenger

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 15874

Ms. Candida Affa asked if Ms. Gerlach said \$50,000 out of City Council's budget and \$50,000 from the administration.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that the only money at hand is the \$100,000.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she finds it interesting that Ms. Ortiz talked about an organization that got hundreds of hundreds and thousands of grants.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated that Ms. Gerlach is asking instead of having one person come in, just do it as a joint.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated no. Right now the \$100,000 that would be used to have someone help us, is solely in the mayor's budget.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if it is coming out of the ARPA funding.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that \$100,000.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that on behalf of the administration she does not believe there is no money in the mayor's budget at this point. The ARPA money is still the ARPA money that is out there.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Ms. Candida Affa asked the \$100,000 of the ARPA money, \$50,000 would come from Council and \$50,000 would come the mayor's office.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if it ties the city into the Credible Messenger and stated that would like it to go to a consultant for review of city and county data related to criminal activity and propose an appropriate model to deal with it.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she does not want to include that as part of her motion.

Ms. Jessica Ortiz stated that Promise Neighborhoods already got the money to do what exactly you have asked. She went through funding that Promise Neighborhoods received from 2017 - present to keep analyzing of what is credible. They received funding from the county, the state and the United States government.

Mr. Lance Lopsey, 779 E. Washington Street, thanked Credible Messenger from coming out here from New Jersey. He talked about spending \$1 million to redo the Zion Church, but we can't put a million into our youth. He stated that Council is failing the city.

Pastor Jim Rivera, stated that he has been here for 30 years in the city of Allentown. He remembers for years he got 60 - 70 guns off the streets and nobody ever called in a snitch. If Credible Messenger is not networked with everything else, it is not networking. His food bank feeds 140 families a week and you don't hear anything about money. He has a gymnasium and a handball court, and pickleball. He has not heard any Credible anybody that said can we use your gym.

Mr. Pas Simpson, stated that he loves Pastor Jimmy. He stated that he has also been doing the work for 27 years now and the first time he hired a felon. He talked about the research and asked Council if they are bold enough to make a decision.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that the motion on the table is simply to change that Section 3, 46 Account \$100,000 to include office of City Council \$50,000 and \$50,000 from the Mayor's office.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated and a motion for Credible Messenger.

Ms. Candida Affa asked about what happened to the PILOT program overseen by Cedar Crest College and the \$100,000 would be given to the PILOT program.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that there is no stipulation on that money other than putting it in the accounts. He asked his colleagues if they had any other questions.

A motion was made by Ce-Ce Gerlach, seconded by Natalie Santos, to put half or \$50,000 into the City Council's budget so that the process is a joint pursuit administered by both the mayor's office and Council's office.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 15874

Ns. Natalie Santos asked if the consultant be running the PILOT program.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated no. The consultant's job is to come in and help to figure what the RFP should look like.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it sums up what we have been dealing with the whole night about organizations getting money and not doing nothing. He stated that the city made mistakes in the past doing that. It has to be an

outside person that gets this money.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they are going with a program that they do not know work here. They are not including the criminal justice system and the county. The city could be headed for trouble with that.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that part of the consultant's job is to do exactly what you are saying.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that part of their task would be to interface with the county, the juvenile justice system, Restorative Justice, and all these other entities that involved.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked how to deal with competing motions.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that they need to take the action. You are appropriating money into an account. He stated that he has to do something with this ordinance like adding a Section 9 that says the \$100,000 expenditure noted above is used to draft an RFP inclusive of hiring a consultant to examine and evaluate data relating to at-risk juveniles in the justice system.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they are learning about different opportunities to address violence in Allentown.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other comments from the dais. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

Ms. Jessica Ortiz stated that he is invested in exactly what you are proposing. He is not from here. He is been doing the time and doing the numbers. Why make it complicated? Why not hire the team as a consultant to design something for our city.

Ms. Kari Holmes, 1451 W. Chew Street, thanked Council for the motions that have been presented to share responsibilities. It entire does make sense to have someone outside come in. We have seen a pattern of leadership. She talked about the challenge in the integrity of the research and the RFP, but still powerful work being done in the community.

Ms. Milagros Canales, Old Fairgrounds, talked about when the Credible Messengers first came and who was a part of process. She stated that she was here since the first table and never got funded.

Ms. Pas Simpson stated that the reason they need to bring in an outside consultant is because how many of them think they know what they are

doing, none of them have written an RFP. He stated that the city cannot give to Cedar Crest College because they did not finish the last thing that you gave them. They are not prepared and not boots to the ground.

Pastor Jimmy Rivera talked about unity with organizations and people who care and invested at the table and has a stake in it. If you can get a professional and someone can do something better, come on and call someone. He stated to have people with boots on the ground dug in, experienced it and felt it, at least have them at a pre-meeting at the table and network.

Mr. Antonne Henshaw stated that one of the things he wants to share is exactly what they are trying to do. They did. One day they were at a City Council meeting in Burlington County in New Jersey and it was about coming to be a service of. They want to make it a public health initiative using Credible Messaging as a crime reduction strategy.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it is the intent of City Council to work with the Mayor/Administration to draft an RFP to hire a consultant to examine and evaluate data related to at-risk juveniles in the justice system that is not limited to and create an appropriate infrastructure, reporting requirement, PILOT program and evaluation metrics for a Credible Messenger program. He stated that you cannot create an RFP on the fly. You make a commitment to do that.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she likes that. She believes that is fair.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that the Mayor needs to buy into it.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach that this is not to actually hire the Credible Messengers. This is to get someone in here to get the paperwork together, get things in order so they can then hire folks that have been here for 20, 30 or 40 years.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated and know the community.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

A motion was made by Ce-Ce Gerlach, seconded by Ed Zucal, to establish a committee to draft an RFP by hiring a consultant to help develop such RFP that would seek a certified Credible Messenger Program to do services in the city. The consultant will also evaluate data relating to at-risk juveniles in the justice system, determine what infrastructure is needed in order for the city to effectively execute a credible messenger program.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

[15-5662](#)

R42

Appoints Joseph McMahon to the WATER AND SEWER (LEASE AND OPERATIONS) COMPLIANCE REVIEW BOARD term to expire 1/01/2027

Attachments: [R42 - McMahon](#)

[Resolution #30596](#)

Enactment No: 30596

[15-5627](#)

R43

Sewage Planning Module at Lincoln Leadership Academy Foundation – New Middle School at 1414 E. Cedar Street

Attachments: [R43 Lincoln Leadership Academy New Middle School at 1414 E. Cedar Street - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[Sewage Planning Module 1414 E. Cedar Street](#)

[Resolution #30597](#)

[Lincoln Leadership Academy Foundation Inc New Middle School - Sewage Planning Module](#)

Enactment No: 30597

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-5657](#)

R44

Police Officer Appointment

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R44 - Police Officer Appointment](#)

[Resolution #30598](#)

Assistant Chief James Gress stated that he will give a brief background on Mr. Joshua Klingman. He is a 29-year-old male. He is a Center City resident and a recent graduate of the Allentown Police Academy. He is also a graduate of East Stroudsburg University. He completed the Act 120 training in December 2022. He did very well on the background process. He is a former Allentown Parking Authority employee.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked where did he go to high school.

Assistant Chief James Gress stated in Monroe County.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if anybody any questions for Assistant Chief Gress or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

No: 1 - Ce-Ce Gerlach

Enactment No: 30598

[15-5661](#)

R45

Appointment of Zoning Supervisor - Melissa Velez

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R45 Zoning Supervisor - Melissa Velez](#)
[Resolution #30599](#)

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that this is Melissa Velez and has served the city well in the past two years as a Zoning Officer. She stated that Ms. Velez is an amazingly fast learner. She has familiarized herself with the city's Zoning Ordinances and stepped up to the plate since the retirement of Fred Andrayko. The administration is more than proud to present her as the candidate.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if anybody had any questions from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 30599

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

[15-5659](#)

Bill 6

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of funds within the Skatepark Development Capital Project in the amount of Twenty-One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-One Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$21,351.72). The purpose of this transfer is to purchase new lighting to be installed by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 6 Skate Park Equipment](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-5658](#)

Bill 7

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Five Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$595,000.00) from the Pools and Spray Park project fund and Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Auburn Cross Trails project fund to the Irving Pool Improvements fund to provide the necessary funding to complete construction.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 7 Irving Pool Transfer](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-5655](#)

Bill 8 Community and Economic Development Committee, forwarded favorably 3-0.

Amending the Part Two General Legislation, Chapter 298 Flood Control, Article VIII Existing Structures in Identified Floodplain Areas, Section 38 Improvements, Part E by repealing it in its entirety.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 8 Flood Control Amendment](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-5656](#)

Bill 9 Community and Economic Development Committee, forwarded favorably, 3-0.

Provides for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, 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.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 9 DCED ESG Accounts](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-5606](#)

Bill 10 Public Works, this evening

Providing that a section of Ann Street on the east side of Allentown between East Maple Street, South Albert Street, East Walnut Street and South Bradford Street, be called "John Snyder Way." This was initially introduced as a resolution, the committee had no issues changing the name of the street, which needs to be done by ordinance. There are no property owners impacted by the legislation. Public Works is fine with the change.

Sponsors: Hendricks, Mota and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 10 Renaming the Street Surrounding Ann Street between East Maple, South Albert, East Walnut and South Bradford Streets John Snyder Way](#)
[Dedicating City Assets](#)
[John Snyder Way 1](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

Mr. Julian Kern, 252 E. Walnut Street, stated that he is full support of renaming that street John Snyder Way because he had the honor to know John in some capacity living right down the block from the Eastside Memorial Baseball League that he coached at and maintained the property with his dad. He would see him hard at work with the kids and maintaining the property. He died too young.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-5581](#)

Bill 11 Refer to the City and Lehigh Valley Planning Commissions, and the Community and Economic Development Committee

Amending the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Allentown by (i) rezoning certain parcels to B- 5 Urban Commercial District, and (ii) providing for a repealer clause, a severability clause, and an effective date.

Attachments: [Bill 11 115 Riverside Drive and 51 N. Front Street from B LI to B5](#)
[115 Riverside Drive and 51 N. Front Street - Rezoning Petition Documents II](#)
[115 Riverside Drive and 51 N. Front Street - Rezoning Petition Documents](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION, AND THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Request to suspend rules, introduce this and send to committee

A motion was made by Candida Affa, seconded by Santo Napoli, to Suspend the Rules, introduce this Bill and send to committee.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

[15-5660](#)

Bill 12 Motion to pull from committee to vote on, was introduced last council meeting
Amending the 2023 Fire Department Uniforms budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of funds received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide for the purchase of 8 complete sets of NFPA 1971 approved turnout gear for our new recruits. This ensemble will include a turnout coat, pants, helmet, one pair of boots, two pairs of gloves, two hoods, and an individual face piece which is properly fit-tested.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [12 - Fire Uniforms](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

[15-5623](#)

R46 Budget and Finance Committee, forwarded favorably with the caveat that the committee work with the administration to lessen the need for transfers by considering threshold levels and getting the transfers done proactively - transfer approval before expenditure.
Approves 17 transfers: \$1,267,922.34 in Fire Administration & Operations Correcting 2022 Negative Personnel Balances - \$87,917.84 is available within the Fire Admin Program, \$987,258.59 in Information Services for All Expenses for the Project were Charged to the Original Account Given of 001-07-3000-2119-76; \$391,909.27 in EMS Correcting 2022 Negative Personnel Balances; \$358,894.65 in Police Operations Correcting 2022 Negative Personnel Balances; \$63,904.50 in PW – Fleet for No Personnel

Wages Were Budgeted in the New Garage Program in Nov – Dec 2022/\$51,494.16 is available within the program; \$33,852.37 in Police Academy Correcting Negative Personnel Balances for 2022; \$33,182.43 in Traffic Planning Correcting Negative Personnel Balances for 2022; \$16,405.66 in Correcting Negative Personnel Balances for 2022; \$13,592.44 in Trexler Grounds Maintenance for Permanent Wages, Temporary Wages, Premium Pay & FICA were underbudgeted in 2022 in the Trexler Account; \$9,000.00 in Public Works for the Funds Needed to be Transferred So They Are Available in the Correct Account – Public Works; \$8,862.91 in CED Director – Administration Correcting Negative Personnel Balances for 2022; \$8,000.00 in Public Works for the Funds Needed to be Transferred So They Are Available in the Correct Account – Public Works; \$7,613.86 in Mayor for Longevity & FICA Were Underbudgeted in 2022; \$6,765.00 in Human Resources Needed to Cover Tuition Reimbursements and Certificate Bonuses; \$5,851.80 in PW – Tech Services Correcting Negative Personnel Balances for 2022; \$5,556.12 in HR Correcting Negative Personnel Balances for 2022; \$5,259.96 in Public Works – Office of Compliance for Temporary Wages & Premium Pay Were Underbudgeted for 2022.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R46 Transfer Funds](#)

[Solid Waste](#)

[Public Works](#)

[Information Services](#)

[Needed To Cover Tuition Reimbursements and Certificate Bonuses for 2022](#)

[Longevity & FICA Were Underbudgeted in 2022](#)

[Temporary Wages & Premium Pay Were Underbudgeted for 2022](#)

[Correcting Negative Personnel Balances for 2022](#)

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[Permanent Wages, Temporary Wages, Premium Pay & FICA Were Underbudgeted in 2022 in the Trexler Account](#)

[Correcting 2022 Negative Personnel Balances](#)

[Correcting 2022 Negative Personnel Balances \\$391,909.27](#)

[No Personnel Wages Were Budgeted In The New Garage Program in Nov - Dec 2022](#)

[Correcting Negative Personnel Balances for 2022 - \\$87,917.84 Is Available Within the Fire Admin Program](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the dais or the

public.

REFERRED TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

[15-5648](#)

R47 Community and Economic Development Committee, forwarded favorably, 3-0
Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 1024 W. Chew Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R47 HARB Resolution to DENY - 1024 W Chew St](#)
[1024 W Chew Street -Final Review](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 8:45 PM