



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, October 20, 2021

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Invocation:

#### Pledge to the Flag

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

#### Courtesy of the Floor

#### Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

#### Contract Approvals

[15-4652](#)

R168

Authorizes a contract with Grace Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$3,024,202.28 for the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail Project, bid through the state as a result of the PennDOT TASA Grant.

**Attachments:** [R168 Grace Industries](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this contract is a produce of a solicitation published, advertised, and awarded by the state. The award vendor is Grace Industries, Inc. The cost of the contract is \$3,024,202.28. The city has successfully done business with this vendor before.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it is his understanding that the state actually picked them. The city had no say in that.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that is correct.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments or comments from the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

[15-4653](#)

R169

Authorizes a contract with Easton Architects, LLP for \$29,760 for assistance in the administration and enforcement of the Historic District Ordinance, advertised, single quotation.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R169 Historic Preservation Consultant](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that last year or the year before we gave a gentleman \$25,000 to be a part of doing research on whether or not a home will be a part of the Historic District and the enforcement of that. What are we doing here?

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this is to provide assistance to the city. She is not sure exactly what he is talking about because she was not there during that time. She stated that she can do research for him.

Ms. Irene Woodward stated that Eastern Architect does the assistance with reviewing all the Certificate of Appropriateness. They provide staff reports to our HARB. They attend those meetings and provide recommendations.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that the city paid \$25,000 either last year or the year before for someone to do this. Whatever happened to that?

Ms. Irene Woodward stated that it was a different Historic Study. We received other fund and they undertook a review of the Hamilton Street corridor to examine what properties were significant and rated all of those. We do have a complete study on that. This is ongoing assistance to the city's Historic and Architectural Review Board. They are slightly different projects.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if they were doing the say thing.

Ms. Irene Woodward stated that when somebody is trying to make a change to a historic building, they go before that board and as part of that Easton Architects reviews each application to make sure what those recommendations what they are being proposed are consistent with the city's ordinance. They provide staff support and review of those.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked Mr. Zucal if he is asking if there is any difference from the previous architect then this architect.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it is a different vendor so obviously it is probably differences. He stated that it sounds to him that he is doing the same thing as the first guy did. That is what he is asking.

Ms. Irene Woodward stated that the other one was Artifact and she no longer wishes to continue. Currently, Easton Architects is the one doing the work for 2021. Previous to that and for many, many years it was Artifacts. A different architectural firm. Maybe that was the confusion.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that is what he thought. She is no longer providing service to the city. He stated that he does not think she is in Bethlehem either. He asked Ms. McNeil if there were any further comments or from the dais. Any comments from the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

[15-4651](#)

R170

Authorizes a contract with Iconic Windows, Inc. for \$4,945 for a two (2) day, hands-on historic wood window restoration workshop for city staff, single quote.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R170 Iconic Windows](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as Quote 2021-17. It was advertised on Public Purchase. It was accessed by 19 vendors and only one quote was received. The department is recommending an award to Iconic Windows. The cost of the contract is \$4,945.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there was any comments from the dais.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he has a question not a comment. How many of our staff will be attending this workshop.

Ms. Irene Woodward stated that it won't just be for city staff. We are doing some outreach to have a number of individuals that would participate that we can show. The city is working with the Historic Districts and the existing organizations. We have not finalized the numbers, but we are opening it. It won't just be city staff. We want to show people in the community that this is the first time doing it, but will establish a program to teach people how they can restore existing historic windows as opposed to how to replace them. It will include some outreach to some neighborhood groups. It won't just be city staff.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if she had an estimate on approximately how

many you anticipate will be attending.

Ms. Irene Woodward stated that she can get that information.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if anybody else had any further comments.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked why wouldn't this be a workshop for the homeowners. Who on city staff would be doing this?

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that she said it will be for the public as well.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked who on the city staff will be restoring the windows on the HARB properties.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the inspectors need to know what is going on.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it will be some of our inspectors. You do the inspections within the historic district.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that is fair enough.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is a good project. It is well due and something that is good spend of the money. If he could do it, he would take it. He does not know if he could do two days of it. There are a lot of people that get fees and fines and go through all kinds of things because they don't know what they are dealing with.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated to Mr. Guridy is right. A couple of years ago said had he known that he could not put them on, the aluminum. He said he would have done it the right way. We are trying to get everyone on the right page to do it the right way.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that there was someone that brought 20 something windows at one time on 11th or 12th Street. That was years ago. That is a shame. It is good. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. James Whitney, Walnut Street, stated that he is ok with the price for this. It sounds like we will have a pretty expensive event. It will be a real shame if only 20 or 30 even citizens out of 120,000 showed up to this. He does not know if necessary if it will have a huge impact. If we make note to request from the people and giving the workshop, they leave us with a kind of a one or two page synopsis of this program that we can hand out subsequently to members of the public who did not attend. That would be something that would give us a lasting benefit from this \$5,000 expenditure. Is that something we have looked in to?

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that is a good idea.

Ms. Irene Woodward stated that this funding is supported by a grant that they received from the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission. We did receive funding for this. This is the first time we are doing it. We are kind of establishing a program. The intent is also to build out so we can replicate this whether it is city staff. The intent is that we can share this information as we go forward. The goal is to train people so they understand how to fix those windows as opposed to having to replace them. It is not just the city staff. It is also the public and also someone that might become a contractor that they can create it as a business and they can help assist other homeowners. We also recognize that it is a lack of that in the community.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked Irene if she has an idea when it is going to happen.

Ms. Irene Woodward stated that their goal is maybe later this year or early spring. It really depends a little bit on the weather. We want to have part of it outside just because of Covid and everything. She stated that they are working with the contractor getting everything together.

Mr. Julio Guridy encourage them to do more of this type of things, not only on windows, but other things in the Historic District. He thinks it would be really good for our citizens, especially those that are moving in. He encouraged them to reach out to the Hispanic community, especially through La Mega Radio Station and some of the other outlets out there that are in Spanish. He is saying La Mega because that is the most recent one. You can do Latina or O'Connell Radio Stations.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked can you advertise so that the general public can attend.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that she can see if they can advertise since they have free advertising on Facebook. We can put it on our Facebook page and we definitely can push this out there as much as possible to get as many people to come.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it would be really good.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked is it possible to reach out to the real estate agencies out there. It is important for the realtors for them to know what is going on. A lot of people buy homes and they don't give them the whole story behind it. It creates a lot of problems. She stated that she thinks it would be a good idea.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he has not heard much of the Historic Preservation Resolutions coming over to City Council lately for some reason. He doesn't know if people are not coming in or they are doing a great job or what it is.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that there are a bunch on the agenda tonight.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the ones that are here, but before that we have not heard hardly any throughout the year. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

**Minutes of Previous Meeting: NONE**

**Communications: NONE**

**Old Business: NONE**

**REPORTS****Special Budget Meeting**

There will be a special budget meeting on Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 PM to review the Finance Department's budget and consider other general business; and on November 1 at 5:30 PM to review the Public Safety budget and consider other general business if need be.

**Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Mota**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 1st at 4:30 PM.

**CEDC: Chair, Gerlach, Guridy, Affa**

The committee met last Thursday and forwarded items on tonight's agenda; the next meeting is scheduled for October 27 at 5 PM.

**Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Affa, Mota, Zucal**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled.

**Parks and Recreation: Chair Hendricks, Gerlach, Siegel**

The committee met last Thursday and forwarded items on tonight's agenda; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

**Public Safety: Chair Mota, Hendricks, Zucal**

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

**Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

**Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Guridy, Mota, Hendricks**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

**Controllers Report**

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that the Report you got is the second quarter of the Cash Flows for the three Pension Funds (Police, Fire and O&E). The brief market returns continue to be strong so far this year. The funds are doing well. He stated that the retirement assumptions for the Police Fund were updated and that is going to cost us a little bit of money. The second is that the interest rate assumption that the city uses for all three Pension Funds has been reduced which also is going to cost us a

little bit of money. It is a little bit of paying up front, but it will lead to stronger Pension Funds down the road and we will be better able to weather any of the financial challenges that are thrown at us. It was a very astute move to make those two changes this year. When the third quarter is done and he will report to them on that as well.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated great. We don't have to continue to raise money or sell anything because the Pension Fund is strong.

Mr. Jeffery Glazier stated that they are pretty good. The 205 Report will be released in November and he can report on that in late November, the beginning of December. That will give you the funding levels for the funds.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked there an Actuarial Report being done right now or is it next year.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that the Actuarial Report is completed. It is getting ready to be released. It would be released to the Pension Boards in November and he will report to Council on it.

#### Administration Report

NONE

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he is looking forward to budget season.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Mayor O'Connell made a great presentation. A lot of things going on and a lot of things were done this year. A lot of apartments and buildings and that is really good for our city. Congratulations.

[15-4670](#) Controller Report

*Attachments:* [2nd QUARTER 2021 Pension Cash Flows](#)

#### ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-4622](#) Bill 90 CEDC, forwarded favorably  
An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twelve Dollars and Ten Cents (\$282,512.10) in Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), unspent funds for the January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 grant year, for housing and community development programs pursuant to the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations. The monies are 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 90 CDBG Upspent Funds](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

[15-4587](#)

Bill 91 Public Safety, this evening  
Amending Article 531 Stopping, Standing, and Parking by adding Article 531.99 N Tampering with Boots and Other Devices Prohibited by creating a penalty for tampering or removing any device used to immobilize a motor vehicle that has been booted or who shall move or attempt to move the vehicle booted before official release of the vehicle.

**Sponsors:** Affa and Hendricks

**Attachments:** [Bill 91 Boot Tampering](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that the Public Safety meeting was held this evening and Bill 91 was moved forward favorably with a proposed amendment.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked who is going to do the amendment.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments on the amendment from the dais or the public.

**A motion was made by Julio Guridy, seconded by Cynthia Mota, delete at the very end the imprisonment not to exceed 30 days and insert as determined by the court. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that the amendment is a good amendment and very appropriate to add that amendment.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked the Mayor and stated that is why he made it.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments on the dais on the Bill

itself.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this gives another tool to the police to enforce this against the people who damage at great cost pieces of valuable equipment that the Parking Authority uses in cases of people who has exerting numerous tickets and have refused to pay them. it is a good move and something that they can utilize against law breakers.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she do with hesitation support this. It would be helpful that the Parking Authority would give us some data. She has been here long enough and on the School Board to know that you make decisions based on data. We don't have a lot of that data concerning this.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked what kind of data are you referring to Ms. Gerlach.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that Council got round about numbers. We were told about 85 a month and about 1,000 a year. It would be nice to know the exact numbers like we want for everything else. Based on those estimates, she did some quick math and it seems like anywhere between 1.3 - 1.4 percent of boots that are issued at least in this last given year are either missing or damaged. She does not know if this is modeled after Reading's Ordinance and how that compared to Reading. If Reading has a substantially higher percentage which is why they have that on the books. it would be nice to know that. We don't. Many of them did not know it was modeled after Reading until tonight. She went on and saw that it was there. It is verbatim. It would be great to get that geographical data as well because she is sure none of us would want certain communities to be disproportionately impacted when some of us live in a more congested dense areas that get patrolled by police officers more often. We are more likely to be seen doing something versus other areas or not. That is always a factor. With that said, she is going to hesitantly support this and look forward to soon having a conversation about not putting people in jail for unpaid parking tickets.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Ms. Gerlach and asked if anybody else from the dais or the public had any comments.

[15-4628](#)

Bill 94 Parks and Recreation, forwarded favorably Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Five-Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$599.87) from Capital Project 2201 – Pool and Spray Parks to Capital Project 2206 – Jordan Creek Greenway Trail.

**Attachments:** [Bill 94 JORDAN CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL TRANSFER](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it was unanimously approved to move forward and be voted on by the full Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

[15-4629](#)

Bill 96 Parks and Recreation, forwarded favorably  
Amending the 2021 Golf Fund budget by transferring Thirty-Two Thousand (\$32,000) from the unappropriated balance of the Golf Fund to Account 50 – Other Service and Charges – to provide for credit card fees.

**Attachments:** [Bill 96 GOLF COURSE CREDIT CARD FEES](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this was forwarded favorably by all members present.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

[15-4624](#)

Bill 97 CEDC, forwarded favorably  
An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of Three Million Four Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-Nine (\$3,496,829.00) Dollars in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds for the fiscal year 2021 to September 2030, for American Rescue Plan (ARP) program pursuant to the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations. The monies are 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 97 CDBG - COVID - HOME - ARP](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that this involves the acquisition of a building to make into a shelter.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he had a discussion about this today. He is

satisfied that the steps that are being taken are appropriate at this point and something that they should continue to work on in the future. He certainly will be supporting this as well. Any further comments from the dais or the public.

Mr. James Whitney asked do we know where the building is that the city is planning on purchasing.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that in the committee they discussed that they cannot share that because it could possibly affect pricing.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they do not share when they are purchasing a property or with the public what property it is.

Mr. James Whitney asked if the city can share if it is on the eastside or the westside or it is downtown.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated quite frankly he does not know.

Mr. James Whitney stated that wouldn't that mean we will purchase a building for a homeless shelter, but we are not going to tell the community where that homeless shelter is going to be. That is going to happen.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is still under negotiation. It hasn't been purchased is what he has been told.

Mr. James Whitney stated that it will be purchased without input from the surrounding neighborhood.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he can tell Mr. Whitney that it is not in Center City. He asked that same question today.

Mr. James Whitney stated that he is equally concerned for any neighborhood. He stated that he wants a homeless shelter. He just wants the public whether they are from the eastside or westside or any community to have participation in choosing where we think this homeless shelter would be and not just for the benefit of the people that live in the communities that may be impacted by its presence, but also for the residents of that homeless shelter to make sure that they are in an environment that is conducive to their health. As we decide where we are going to buy a building for a homeless shelter, he thinks public input would be so crucial in that.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she believes that the Homeless Commission is being consulted. They had a presentation. That is what Mr.

Lightner said the last time that they have been part of this. Depending on what type of building it is, if there are any type of zoning changes she believes that she was always told to go to the Zoning Hearing.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that there are a lot of people that talked about this issues. He stated that he has the same sentiment he has in regards to where is it. At this point, he understands and respects that could change the price of it and a lot other things.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that there will be public input when we get down the line.

Mr. James Whitney reiterated that they all want it to be a homeless shelter and also want our solutions to homelessness to be a regional approach so we don't become a Seattle style destination for homelessness. We need to encourage Easton and Bethlehem to step up as well and to be as compassionate as Allentown is showing itself to be.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated and the counties.

Mr. James Whitney stated right, exactly. Thank you so much.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

[15-4608](#)

Bill 98 CEDC, forwarded favorably  
An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-Nine (\$53,359.00) Dollars in Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)- COVID CARES funds for the period of July 21, 2021 to July13, 2022, as appropriate by Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations for the Warming Station..

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 98 CDBG Warming Shelter Accounts](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it was forwarded favorably.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public or from the mayor.

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

## CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are non-controversial routine matters such as appointments, indicating capacity in our wastewater system, approval of certificates of appropriateness for work to commence in the historic districts, etc. that are voted on as a group but they can be removed from the agenda and placed on the final passage section should any councilperson object. Does Council or the Public have any comments on these items collectively or would Council like to remove any of the items?

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if anybody from the public has any comments or will Council like to remove any item from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Ray O'Connell asked if any of those people are here Hoffman, Tino and Donna and they want to make a comment.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked Tino if he would like to say anything. He stated you have an opportunity because you were approved. You are part of the Council of Youth now. Congratulations to you and everybody else.

Mr. Tino Babayan thanked Mayor O'Connell for assigning him to this and plus City Council for voting on it. He stated that he appreciates it. He stated that he will do good for the youth. He has been helping the youth for 30 years and hopefully he can continue for another 30 or another 20 years. He appreciates it and thanked them for appointing him to that position.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Council will expect that Mr. Babayan will do a great job. He asked if anybody else is here that got appointed tonight.

[15-4650](#)

R171

Sewage Planning Module at Popeyes Restaurant – 1935 S. 4th Street

**Attachments:** [R171 Popeyes Restaurant at 1935 South 4th Street - Sewage Planning Module](#)  
[Sewer Planning Module - Popeyes](#)

[15-4646](#)

R172

Sewage Planning Module at Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham at 301 Union Boulevard

**Attachments:** [R172 Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham at 301 Union Boulevard - Sewage Planning Module](#)  
[Sewer Planning Module - 301 Union Boulevard](#)

[15-4640](#)

R173

Sewage Planning Module at Da Vinci Discovery Center – 18 North 8th Street

**Attachments:** [R173 Da Vinci Discovery Center- 18 North 8th Street - Sewage Planning Module](#)  
[Sewer Planning Module - Da Vinci](#)

[15-4638](#) R174  
Sewage Planning Module at 1384 S 5th Street

**Attachments:** [R174 1384 S 5th Street- Sewage Planning Module](#)  
[Sewer Planning Module - 1384 S. 5th Street](#)

[15-4637](#) R175  
Approves Sewage Planning Module at 605 N. Wahneta Street, Central Park Apartments

**Attachments:** [R175 Central Park Apartments - Sewage Planning Module](#)  
[Sewer Planning Module - Central Park](#)

[15-4636](#) R176  
Sewage Planning Module at 401 Auburn Street, Auburn Court Apartments

**Attachments:** [R176 Auburn Court Apartments - Sewage Planning Module](#)  
[Sewer Planning Module - Auburn Court](#)

[15-4645](#) R177  
Helen LaJean Raymond Hoffman, Human Relations Commission, 02-01-2022 (Replacing Tracie Springer)

**Attachments:** [R177 Helen LaJean Raymond Hoffman, Human Relations Commission, 02-01-2022](#)  
[Helen LaJean Raymond Hoffman, Human Relations Commission, 02-01-2022](#)

[15-4649](#) R178  
Tino Babayan, Council of Youth, Term Expiration: 10/01/2023

**Attachments:** [R178 Tino Babayan, Council of Youth, 10-01-2023](#)  
[Tino Babayan, Council of Youth, 10-01-2023](#)

[15-4658](#) R179  
Attorney Donna - Marie Daday, Ethics Board, 12-15-2021 Fulfilling the unexpired term of Attorney Robert Donatelli)

**Attachments:** [R179 Attorney Donna - Marie Daday, Ethics Board, 12-15-2021](#)  
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[15-4665](#) R180  
Approves Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts: 229 N 10th St., 342-344 N. 9th St., 805 W. Chew and 820 W. Liberty

**Attachments:** [R180 Resolution HARB Approvals](#)

[229 N 9th Final Review](#)

[342-344 N 9th Final Review](#)

[805 W Chew Final Review](#)

[820 W. Liberty Final Review](#)

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

### RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-4625](#)

R165

Approves the Submission of an amendment to the Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R165 CDBG HOME ARP](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais on this or the public or the administration.

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

[15-4623](#)

R166

Approves the Submission of an amendment to the 2021 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R166 Action Plan Reallocation](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

[15-4639](#)

R181

Approves Six Transfers forwarded by the Administration placing funds in the proper account: \$80,000 in Emergency Medical Services for Premium Pay; \$50,000 in Revenue and Audit for notification of estate tax over



payments; \$45,000 in Recycling & Solid Waste for notification of overpayment of trash/recycling fees; \$31,500 in Streets to purchase salt; \$15,000 in Parks for Premium Pay; \$10,000 in Fire for turnout gear and log repairs.

**Attachments:** [R181 Transfers Approval](#)

[To Purchase Salt for the Impending Winter Season](#)

[Due to Multiple Long-Term Illnesses and Injuries Using More Premium Pay Than Forecasted](#)

[To Correct Neative Balance in the Premium Pay Account To Cover Additional Overtime](#)

[Revenue and Audit Sending Out Letters To Property Owners](#)

[Regarding City Real Estate Tax Over Payments](#)

[Revenue and Audit Sending Out Letter to Residents Regarding Over](#)

[Payment of Trash Recycling Fees](#)

[Increase In The Cost of Turnout Gear and More Log Repairs](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais. He asked Mr. O'Neill if it came from the unappropriated balance.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated that these are Budget Transfers. These are not coming from the unappropriated balance.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if it came from the same departmental budgets.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated that they are already available appropriations.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it is within the 2021 Budget.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

[15-4659](#)

R182

Recommends the Pennsylvania law requiring county boards of election to post plain English statements at polling places so that people can read the statements prior to voting be amended to include such statements for mail-in-ballots.

**Sponsors:** Gerlach, Affa, Guridy, Mota, Mr. Zucal, Mr. Siegel, Administration and Hendricks

**Attachments:** [R182 Ballot Question](#)

[15708](#)

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Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he had asked to be put as a sponsor as well.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she would like the same thing.

Mr. Joshua Siegel asked to be added.

Mayor Ray O'Connell asked to add the administration.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he thinks this is going to pass.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated himself also.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated and Mr. Hendricks.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that even though Ms. Affa is not here, she is one of the sponsors as well.

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

[15-4579](#)

R150

Approves the Acceptance of the 2021 American Rescue Plan funding from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$57,463,557.17.

**Sponsors:** ACIDA - Allentown Commercial and Industrial Development Authority

**Attachments:** [R150 Accepts ARPA Money](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Mr. Siegel pointed out to him that this is only accepting the money. We are not distributing money right now. He asked if there was any further comments from the dais. We have been talking about this for a while. He asked if there were any comments from the administration.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that they are just accepting the money.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that is what I said. Accepting the money.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it is about time.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

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

[15-4644](#) Bill 100 Refer to City and Lehigh Valley Planning Commissions Amending the Zoning Map by rezoning parcel at 1837 W Linden St from Medium Density Residential (R-M Zone) to Highway Business District (B-3 Zone).

**Attachments:** [Bill 100 1837 W Linden Street](#)  
[1837 West Linden Street from Medium Density Residential R-M to Highway Business District B-3 Rezoning](#)  
[Letter from Malkames Law Offices regarding 1837 W. Linden Street Rezoning](#)  
[Description of 1837 W. Linden Street Rezoning](#)  
[Indenture for 1837 W. Linden Street](#)

REFERRED TO CITY AND LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSIONS

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

[15-4656](#) Bill 101 Refer to Human Resources, Administration and Appointments Amending Article 171, Code of Ethics, by prohibiting leaders, members or officials belonging to non-profit organizations that lobby for and receive city funding or receive funds through the city from receiving remuneration from these funds as well as immediate and extended family of such members or officials.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Zucal, Affa, Hendricks and Guridy

**Attachments:** [Bill 101 Ethics Amendment](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Jessica Ortiz, 523 Tilghman Street - Ortiz Ark Foundation, asked for a little clarification. Are you saying the Ortiz Ark Foundation gets some funding for housing assistance and her sister, mother and brother need assistance. They can't get it.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated no. He does not think so.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated no.

Ms. Jessica Ortiz stated a lot of them had a discussion so she is asking not just for herself, but a lot of community organizations. That is what it reads right now. She asked for a little bit of clarity.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked Mr. Hendricks or Mr. Zucal want to clarify this.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks referred to Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that what it basically means is that members of that nonprofit organization cannot receive monies for salaries.

Ms. Jessica Ortiz stated that is for payroll and things like that. Not for the actual assistance the funding is going.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked that his name be added as a co-sponsor. It keeps us clean. He asked if there were any further comments from the public.

#### REFERRED TO HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENTS

[15-4655](#)

Bill 102 Refer to Human Resources, Administration and Appointments Amending Title One, General Provisions by adding Article 109, Language Requirements, requiring documents to be available in all languages pursuant to Federal Laws.

**Sponsors:** Mota, Guridy, Gerlach, Hendricks, Mr. Zucal, Affa and Mr. Siegel

**Attachments:** [Bill 102 Language Requirement](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

#### REFERRED TO HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENTS

[15-4662](#)

Bill 103 Refer to Parks and Recreation Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$14,694) as a transfer of funds from Capital Project 2024 – 15th Street Traffic Signal Improvements to Capital Project 2202 – Jordan Creek Greenway Trail to provide pavement markings on the Meadow Street portion of the trail.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 103 CAPITAL PROJECT 2206 TRANSFER](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-4667](#)

Bill 104 Refer to Public Safety  
Amending the 2021 General Fund budget to create six (6) new Patrolman positions. This will allow the City to submit for reimbursement of salaries under the 2017 Department of Justice COPS Hiring Grant.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 104 2017 COPS HIRING GRANT](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-4664](#)

Bill 105 Refer to Parks and Recreation  
Amending the 2021 Capital Projects Fund and the 2021 Trexler Fund to provide for a transfer of Ninety-Four Thousand One Hundred One Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$94,101.75) from the Trexler Fund Unappropriated Balance to Capital Project 2207 – Bogert’s Bridge.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 105 Bogert Bridget Transfer](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-4663](#)

Bill 106 Refer to Parks and Recreation  
Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Four Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Three (\$486,273) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation TASA funds for the construction of the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 106 Jordan Greenway Trail](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Michael asked if it is ok that these are referred to the meeting when you meet to discuss the Budget rather than a separate meeting.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they can. It depends on what they have that night.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that you will be discussing the Parks and Recreation budget. You will discuss the Bill.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that the administration is not ok with that. We have to kick it down the road.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that construction will start in November. At the beginning of November so she needs approval prior.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated to Mr. Hendricks then you take care of it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he will do that. We will schedule it as soon as possible.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked the Mayor for bringing it up.

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

[15-4666](#)

R183 Refer to CEDC  
Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness –1503 W Chew Street

**Attachments:** [R183 Resolution HARB Denied](#)

[1503 Chew Final Review](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE**

**ADJOURNED: 7:16 PM**

[15-4437](#)

Council Rules  
Home Rule Charter  
Contract Procedures

**Attachments:** [HOMERULE June 2021](#)  
[Council Rules March 2021 Edition](#)  
[Contract Procedures](#)