



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

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, Joshua Siegel, and Natalie Santos

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Ms. Cynthia Mota interpreted for Ms. Olga Villalona:

Ms. Olga Villalona, 128 S. Saint Cloud Street, stated that she received a letter from Jeremy that is an inspector of the city stating that she has to cut a tree. She feels that it is not on her property. He took pictures and the allegation is that the tree belongs to her. It is obstructing the way/passage. She bought the property no one told her about the tree. It is not on her property line. The tree is about 30 - 50 years old. The tree is in a yard and many years ago it used to be a street. The city closed that pathway and it became a backyard or yard. Every so often when there is grass, the city always clean that yard and the tree. She does not understand why she has to cut the tree. She took a few pictures on her phone that shows. She notices that right where the tree is there is a light pole that is covering the tree. She has a map of the street.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that it must be Engineering, Public Works or Parks that would handle the trees.

Ms. Cynthia Mota referred her to Mr. Mark Shahda. She stated to Ms. Olga Villalona is the positive thing is she is here and out Council's attention. She asked that Ms. Olga Villalona provide Mr. Hanlon with her telephone number.

Ms. Olga Villalona asked if it is possible that someone could speak to her in Spanish because she would not understand.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions for Ms. Villalona.

Mr. Don Ringer, 1801 Liberty Street, stated that he could be a real idiot, but does love this city and cares what happens here in the city. Let's get together and fight this Halloween Parade. If we can't get it this year, let's work for next year to get it done. It is awful what is happening with our tradition here in the city. We can probably make it better next year if we are giving the right resources. He thinks that they should fight this thing and not let the mayor tell us what to do in this situation. He suggested to Chief Charles Roca to have a Gun Buyback like Northampton County did. If you get one or two guns off the street, you are still ahead. Let's move on this and see what we can do to get this done.

Contract Approvals

[15-5346](#)

R142

Authorization for Contract with Electronic Recyclers International Inc to secure services for the collection, transportation, dismantling, salvage, sale, reuse and/or recycling of computer and electronic scrap. This was competitively bid and only one (1) response was received. The estimated budgeted amount in the event that the City has to expend funds to dispose of electronics is \$4,000.00. In 2021 the City did not spend any funds for the disposal of electronics.

The City advertised the solicitation on August 29, 2022, seeking to secure services for the collection, transportation, dismantling, salvage, sale, reuse and/or recycling of computer and electronic scrap as part of the City of Allentown, Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste's Electronics Recycling Program, in accordance with the Pennsylvania Covered Device Act (CDRA), Act 108 of 2010. On September 12, 2022 public opening was held for which the City received one (1) proposal. The technical evaluation was held on September 20, 2022. All committee members were present. The Proposal was scored based on the RFP requirements, Ability to Meet RFP Requirements (20 Points), Proposer's ability to best meet the requested services outlined in Section VII (A) #1-#9 (30 Points), The intended plan describing the Collection and Transportation Methods outlined in Section VII (B) #1-#4 and the plan to maximize the reuse, recovery, and recycling of E-Scrap collected, Section VII (D) and (E) (25 Points). The Sole Proposal was reviewed and scored accordingly. Cost proposal was opened on September 20, 2022. Proposal was distributed to all committee members via Teams for evaluation after the completion of the technical evaluation. The cost evaluation committee meeting occurred on September 21, 2022, 9:00 AM. All committee members were present. The committee members discussed the Cost Proposal: The no-cost to the City to fulfill the requirements of this RFP and resulting contract (25 Points). After discussion the committee members scored the Proposals based on Cost Proposal (25 Points). The Committee made the recommendation to

not proceed with Oral interviews/presentations as they felt confident in deciding with the information provided in the Technical and Cost Proposals. The committee recommends award to the highest scored firm based on the final scores from the Technical and Cost Proposals. The committee is recommending award to Electronic Recyclers International Inc.

Attachments: [R142 Request for Council Approval - 2022-41 Collection and Recycling of Electronics Resolution #30503](#)

Ms. Seth O'Neill stated that it is pretty straight forward. The city did a solicitation on August 29th. It was one bidder. The city went through the Technical Proposal. Held an evaluation on September 20th. Did the Cost Proposal and it is a no cost to the city per the RFP requirements. They seen no reason to not proceed with the Cost/Technical Proposal and is recommending an award to the highest scoring firm which is also the only firm. They are recommending an award to Electronic Recyclers International Inc.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if the city is destroying good equipment that we could have had an auction for to get money back in.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated that Electronic Recycling is more than something you want to throw in the trash. They have these periods where you can go ahead and drop off your electronics and TVs that you want to recycle. He believes that it is no cost to the residents. They just wait in line and drop them off. He is not aware of any ability to monetize this.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated years ago when the Police would seize stuff, they would have an auction with jewelry or whatever and the public would come and buy it.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated that given that we only do that if it is a city asset. He does not think that it would apply in this case. This will be personal asset of residents.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any other questions from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30503

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-5345](#) September 21, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [September 21, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Communications

Disclosure

Council President notes that we have this disclosure to make pursuant to our ethics disclosure legislation:

Council President Mota, Councilperson Hendricks and Michael Hanlon met with representatives from the DaVinci Center – the Executive Director, Lin Erickson; and Chairperson of the Board, Jim McLean on Monday, October 3rd at 3 PM. We discussed the contours of the project, their need to fill an 8m dollar budget gap, and their investment in our youth and community.

Note on Emails: Just a note given the requests we have received to read emails at the meetings. The meetings are open, and we will take public testimony – Council is not going to read the emails, but comments can be forwarded to the Clerk, and they will be forwarded to appropriate individuals. There is also a provision for comments on agenda items – it is called ecomment – individuals can simply sign up and they are afforded an opportunity to weigh in on issues or agenda items. Those comments will be public.

Budget Meetings: Council is circulating a schedule for budget meetings; this will be finalized shortly and distributed.

MMOs: Pursuant to requirements, the Administration has forwarded the MMOs. Copies are on the website attached to this agenda.

[15-5368](#) MMOs

Attachments: [2023 MMO Council MEMO](#)
[Signed 2023 MMO Worksheets for Council 9.13.2022](#)

Old Business: NONE

REPORTS**Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that Allentown City Council will consider for possible adoption an Ordinance amending the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Allentown. The proposed amendment proposes to amend the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance at 2 W. Allen Street (PIN #640744791819) and 1 W. Liberty Street (PIN #640744789158) from I-3 General Industrial District to B-5 Urban Commercial District by (i) rezoning certain parcels to B-5 Urban Commercial District, (ii) adding an additional note (T) to section 1315.03 altering the area and yard requirements for certain parcels zoned B-5, and (iii) providing for a repealer clause, a severability clause, and an effective date. City Council will consider this legislation at a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101. City Council may adopt this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting at 6:30 pm immediately following this Public Hearing.

Special Committee: At the request of Councilperson Gerlach, I have set up a special committee to systematically review the penalties in the city code, especially as they pertain to imprisonment. Councilpersons Zucal and Santos will also be on that committee. I have also requested someone from the Administration to work with the committee as well.

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Santos

The Committee met last evening and forwarded two bills related to funding for the DaVinci Center and Coca-Cola stadium which will be on the October 19th council agenda. The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Gerlach, Siegel, Mota

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for October 12 at 5:30 PM.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Santos, Hendricks, Siegel

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

Parks and Recreation: Chair Affa, Gerlach, Santos

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Zucal, Affa

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

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Hendricks

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

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

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

Controller's Report (3 minutes)

NONE

Mayor's Report (3 minutes)

NONE

[15-5369](#) Controller Reports
Accounts Payable
Retirement Process

Attachments: [R4 - Cover Letter AP](#)
[R3 - Final AP](#)
[Retirement Process](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

There are no ordinances for Final Passage.

CONSENT AGENDA: Items placed on the consent agenda shall be voted on by a single vote. The vote will be a roll call vote. Any individual member of Council may pull an item from the consent agenda at any point prior to the vote on the consent agenda. Items pulled will be voted on individually at the appropriate place on the agenda for that item. Public comments for items on the consent agenda will be taken prior to the consent agenda vote.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

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

[15-5333](#) R143
Sewage Planning Module for 211 E. Federal Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R143 211 E. Federal Street - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[211 E Federal Street Planning Module](#)
[Resolution #30504](#)
[Signed Sewage Planning Documents for 211 E. Federal Street - Resolution #30504](#)
Enactment No: 30504

[15-5334](#) R144
Sewage Planning Module for 816 N. 16th Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R144 816 N. 16th Street - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[816 N 16th Street Planning Module](#)
[Resolution #30505](#)
[Signed Sewage Planning Documents for 816 N. 16th Street - Resolution #30505](#)
Enactment No: 30505

[15-5335](#) R145
Sewage Planning Module for 893 – 905 N. Graham Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R145 893 - 905 N. Graham Street - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[893 - 905 Graham Street Planning Module](#)
[Resolution #30506](#)
[Signed Sewage Planning Documents for 893 - 905 Graham Street - Resolution #30506](#)
Enactment No: 30506

[15-5336](#) R146
Sewage Planning Module for 1049 E. Turner Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R146 1049 E. Turner Street - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[1049 E Turner Street Planning Module](#)
[Resolution #30507](#)
[Signed Sewage Planning Documents for 1049 E. Turner Street - Resolution #30507](#)
Enactment No: 30507

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-5352](#) R147

Approves the submission of an application for a Gun Violence Investigation & Prosecution grant for gun violence suppression funding with an increase patrol presence and data collection, to purchase gunshot detection technology that will aide Allentown Police Department in responding, investigating, and deterring crime.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R147 Gun Violence Grant](#)
[Resolution #30508](#)

Assistant Chief James Gress stated that tonight the Police Department has to Resolutions before Council, 147 and 148 that they need authorization from the governing body to apply. They are both through PCCED and can be up to \$10 million each. The first one is a gun violence grant for violent crime suppression for overtime for concentrated patrols and patrols in partnership with other organizations and the other part of that is that they talked about the Gun Shot Detection System that listens for the gun shots throughout the city and reports it back in real-time and for data collection that is done through the Crime Analyst. That is the primary Gun Violence Grant. The second one is the local Law Enforcement Grant. It is another Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Bureau (PCCDB) Grant.

Chief Charles Roca stated that he wants to add from the initial one. This is an incredible opportunity to secure funding for what is needed here. Part of that process is to work in partnership with our anti-violence organizations with providing extra supplemental patrols out there to have a presence to address a lot of the underline quality of life crimes in addition to some of the violence that we recently have seen in the recent past. For him as the Chief of Police, he is very frustrated that a young child would have a gun in his hand and commit that type of crime. What we have to do now, is not only step up and enforcement, but to leverage technology and equipment to help in that situation. In that vein, they want to be able to secure this allocation which is a tremendous opportunity for our department and the city.

Assistant Chief James Gress stated that this is money that was sent federally from COVID relief to PCCED to distribute as they see accordingly.

Ms. Candida Affa stated Gun Shot detection technology. What does that mean?

Chief Charles Roca stated that one of the things that is out there is President Biden in his speech in June of 2021 talked about providing funding for local police agencies and state police to develop a system of

Gun Shot Detection technology and what it does it triangulates listening devices to hear and listen to the gun shot taking off and then they send that signal that data to the police officer in real time. It gets a blip on the MBT rather it does not require someone to call it in, but it sends it to the police officers and triangulates the location and the officer can have a quicker more efficient response time which that tied into some cameras technology you can identify at a quicker rate the individual that is involved in that type of violence. That will help them and also not misidentifying somebody or stopping them simply because they are in the area. It would give the police who that individual is and a more proper description of that individual. They will help in their investigative efforts. An officer in real time can follow up.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that if there is a shot at 12th and Chew, you would get the detection before someone calls it in.

Chief Charles Roca stated that is correct. It takes about a minute or two minutes to analyze the information. One of the questions he has ask is how to differentiate between fireworks. It analyzes this algorithm, and it comes back as gunshot, and we come forth. The other thing too is it is going to help and break away that apathy response where someone else is going to call. In that way the police department is aware of it and we are not just responding. We are being proactive and additionally give our citizens our residents the message that they are not at it alone. We are here to serve our community, and this is going to help in this effort.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that the response is much faster.

Assistant Chief James Gress stated that he has a demonstration out in Pittsburgh at the Pittsburgh Police Department. It is absolutely amazing. It comes up right in front of the officers in their cars on their computers and their MPTs. It triangulates within 30 feet or 40 feet of where this occurred.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that it should be faster to catch. That is amazing. We won't have problems with fireworks and things like that.

Chief Charles Roca stated that they can differentiate.

Assistant James Gress stated that it goes through like a filtration system that it is gunshots and not fireworks.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any other questions from the dais.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated for the grant that you are applying for it says more patrol presence. What would that entail? Would that be just being

out in their cars or just actually just walking the streets.

Chief Charles Roca stated that there is a mix of patrols. There are many different ways to conduct operations. Some would be in plain clothes. Some would be in uniform. It would be leveraging partnerships with a law enforcement partner as well as state police, DEA, FBI and all different types of agencies that we can provide the best service as far as proactive enforcement in dealing with some crime suppression piece as well as letting our neighborhood know that the streets are not for the criminal elements. The streets are for the good people that work day in and day out in their respective communities and neighborhoods.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she is 100 percent in favor of this. We just lost Trek the bike place, and with the people closing down. In her opinion if we had more officers and we are able to have more patrolling. Just one time breaking one of those windows at Trek, if we had more patrols, it would have been the last time that happened because they would have been patrolling that area. These people know that at 3:00 o'clock in the morning and by the time the police gets there. If these areas are being patrolled, we are not going to lose these businesses. How do you break into right on Tilghman Street a huge window and steal bicycles over and over again. She stated that this is why patrolling is probably the best way to prevent crime if they know if they break in here there is a cop right down the street. She is all in favor of more patrolling.

Chief Charles Roca stated to underline that point, it is also the marriage of officer presence, technology, equipment and making sure that the city of Allentown Police Department is in the right place to receive that technology so it can be applied for that very same purpose. There have been studies from the gunshot protection technologies that are out there along with the street cameras and LPR systems that catch these actors breaking glass as you (Ms. Affa) stated or other instances where you are able to get identification and materials of that individual and bring them to justice.

Ms. Candida Affa stated 30 to 40 years ago, people were not smashing windows and stealing bicycles. It is rare for this to happen to smash and grab. Even with the technology, patrolling has to be one of the major deterrence. It amazes her that someone would go on Tilghman Street, smash a window and steal a bicycle over and over again. She understands that RiteAid is leaving also. This is not good.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that in fact they already closed.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated wow. Any other questions from the dais?

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he does not have a question he has a comment. In this day and age where crime is rampant across many of our cities, we fortunate have not seen a huge uptick, but with these grants and encouraged all of his colleagues to vote for this. This should be a no question and unanimous vote. To have this opportunity for new cameras along with shot detection and to be able to put patrol officers out there on specific patrols when we have some problems going on in neighborhoods. This will pay for overtime for that when needed. It is a no brainer.

Assistant Chief James Gress stated that a lot of the Department of Justice grants and federal grants require matches. Some in-kind and some in cash. This requires no match.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it will be free for the city.

Chief Charles Roca stated that is correct.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated zero dollars. She stated that they spoke about R147 and R148 altogether.

Chief Charles Roca stated that R148 is next.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the public.

Ms. Ericka Davis, S. 9th Street, asked if they can explain a little bit more about the listening devices. Is the data going to be stored? It hears for gunshots, but what else is it listening for and does that data get stored somewhere.

Chief Charles Roca stated that he is not a gunshot detection expert by any means. From what his understanding is that it analyzes the sound waves. For that brief period, it can recognize the sound of glass breaking, it would recognize a gunshot going off. From there, it sends that off to be analyzed and it gets sent to the officers MBT or data path that they have and the officer would respond based upon that call. If in fact the officer responds there and sees that it is fireworks that would be noted with the company and they can adjust their algorithm to check it. A lot of times it does not take away that human element because it still was important. The thing is it will attach those times when perhaps someone is hearing something and says someone will call that in and they might not. To remove apathy and have our community engaged that they report something when they hear something or see something helps police officers tremendously in solving crime that might happen or even before it happens which is the preferred way.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Chief Roca and asked any other questions from the public.

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

Enactment No: 30508

[15-5353](#)

R148

Authorizes the submission of the formal application for the Local Law Enforcement Support Program grant that will be used to train officers in National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS), replace 150 street surveillance cameras with the latest technology, new technology enhancement for officer cars, and training geared towards crisis intervention, de-escalation training, and implicit bias training. The City has is requesting \$10M from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Bureau for Local Law Enforcement Support Program grant.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R148 Local Law Enforcement](#)

[Resolution #30509](#)

Assistant Chief James Gress stated that this grant is also through PCED through the federal government for local law enforcement. Again, we are talking about the use and replacement and updating the cameras. Some of the cameras in the city goes back to when Senator Spector who got us our first Appropriation Grant. That was from 2007. We need to update some of the cameras. This will fund that. They would like to replace or update 150 city cameras. All of the MBTs in the police cars and make them all Windows based computers in the police cars. The national incident-based reporting system, only two states in the entire nation who has not yet completed this requirement by the federal government, Pennsylvania and Florida. It is not a requirement yet. What they did, in order to apply to a lot of the federal funding you have to be National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) compliant. They want to get ahead of the curve a little bit and train all of the officers in this reporting system and how it is going to be done. There will be an upgrade in our RMS system that will have different dropdowns a different reports that have to be completed to conform to this requirement. They would like to train all the officers in that. They would like to include a number of other trainings like de-escalation training, implicit bias training for the entire department.

Chief Charles Roca stated that he would like to comment on a couple of things. NIBRS is an upgrade to the Uniform Crime Reporting System. It allows the federal government to see what our statistics are. He stated that they might recall in the media a few weeks back that Enforcement Agencies were not reporting their Use of Force incidences. This program

will allow it. They already met with Scott Schubert, the former Chief of Police of Pittsburgh who is not working for the FBI who is in charge of this implementation. We have the support of the federal government and will work with our State Law Enforcement Representatives to make sure that occurs and Allentown is on the cutting edge of upgrading to this NIBRS technology. That being said, we talk a lot about training, and the piece that he wants to get across from Council is that Implicit Bias Training and all the training they have listed. Crisis Intervention is not a one-time thing. His vision in this is to infuse it in the training that we do to apply to everything. When we do firearms. When we do Use of Force training. When we are out in the streets so it becomes a natural habit to our officers that are out there. We have many good young officers such as Officer Rowe (sp) as well as many officers that are working hard on the streets tonight. This by and far excellent opportunities to be able to realize that vision and make sure we have the officers and have the technology and have the equipment so that we can deliver the best service to our residents because that is what they deserve.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated that she has a question about the grant details. Is it up to \$10 million or \$10 million exactly?

Assistant James Gress stated that Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Bureau (PCCDB) listed in the grant guidelines as an allocation to the city of Allentown. It is his understanding before they apply for an allocation with that amount of money, they still have to justify the request through an application process and all the required reporting processes. Being that this is a PCCDB grant this goes back to when they reported under the Keystone Opportunity Zone. Remember, Councilman Hendricks and Councilman Zucal. The Keystone Opportunity Zone is kind of what the center of Allentown is concentrated on. PCCDB refers to it as far as the Keystone Opportunity Zone and concentrating on those areas as well. It is an allocation of up to \$10 million that the city can justify in the filing.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the public.

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

Enactment No: 30509

MS. CYNTHIA MOTA LEFT THE COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:03 PM.

[15-5349](#)

R149

Approves the submission of an application for grant funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for \$88,000 for the creation of a Watershed Action Plan to prioritize improvements to reduce flooding, improve water quality and sustainability, requires a \$22,000 match.

Attachments: [R149 2022 Watershed Action Plan](#)

[Resolution #30510](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from the administration.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated no comments.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he would say with what he sees happening in Florida, anything we can do to do this is money well spent.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any other comments from the public?

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Joshua Siegel, and Natalie Santos

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 30510

[15-5350](#)

R150

Approves the submission of an application for a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the completion of the Allentown portion of the D&L trail from the St. Luke's Center to Overlook Park. This City is asking for \$650,000.00 in grant funding; a cash or in-kind match is required.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R150 D&L Trail](#)

[Resolution #30511](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there is anything from the administration.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated no thank you.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Joshua Siegel, and Natalie Santos

Abstain: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 30511

[15-5351](#)

R151

Approves the submission of an application for a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the continued development of the Martin Luther King Trail. This City is asking for \$850,000.00 in grant funding with a match required – in-kind or cash.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R151 MLK Trail](#)
[Resolution #30512](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from the administration.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated no thank you.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Joshua Siegel, and Natalie Santos

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 30512

[15-5355](#)

R152

Approves the submission of an application for the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant program to address multiple housing related hazards in a comprehensive fashion and continued support for the current Lead and Healthy Homes program. The grant is for 2 million dollars, no match required.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R152 Lead Hazard Control](#)
[Resolution #30513](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from the administration.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated no thank you.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Joshua Siegel, and Natalie Santos

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 30513

[15-5354](#)

R153

Approves the submission of an application for the HUD Older Adults Home Modification Program Grant, which will allow funds to be allocated to increase the safety, accessibility, and functionality of homes owned by low income adults age 62 and older. The City will be applying for \$1,250,000; no match is required.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R153 HUD Home Modification](#)
[Resolution #30514](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from the administration.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated no thank you.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Joshua Siegel, and Natalie Santos

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 30514

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

[15-5356](#)

Bill 73 Community and Economic Development Committee
Amending the 2022 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars as a result of a grant from the National Center for Healthy Housing to the CED Lead Program to provide funds to develop a model for the childcare providers to access financial resources. A portion of the funds may be used to relocate the daycare facilities while the lead hazard reduction work is being done, so that the day care parents are not forced to find alternative care during that time and that the day care provider does not experience a gap in income. Relocation funds would be paid directly to the alternate site.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 73 Healthy Housing](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

[15-5357](#)

Bill 74 Public Works

Amending the 2022 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an appropriation of Three Hundred Sixty Six Thousand (\$366,000.00) Dollars from LCA that

the City has negotiated for the purpose of construction of ADA handicap ramps as well as milling and paving of streets under the City's Utility Paving Program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 74 LCA Cost Share](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-5358](#)

Bill 75 Refer to Public Works

Amending the 2022 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an appropriation of Three Million Three Hundred Thousand (\$3,300,000.00) Dollars from UGI that the City has negotiated for the purpose of construction of ADA handicap ramps as well as milling and paving of streets under the City's Utility Paving Program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 75 UGI Cost Share](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-5360](#)

Bill 76 Community and Economic Development

An ordinance prohibiting the sale or offer for sale of dogs or cats or rabbits by pet shops, as defined, in the City of Allentown; prescribing penalties for violations.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Mota, Santos and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [Bill 76 Pet Shops](#)

[General pet store ordinance fact sheet](#)

[Pet Stores & Public Health](#)

[USDA fact sheet](#)

[2022 Pet Store Industry Trends](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

[15-5347](#)

R154 Community and Economic Development

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

With the application to HUD, the City is asking to allocate unspent funds to a Habitat for Humanity - Tacoma Street (\$160,000 HOME Funds) and Hazard Elimination and Jordan Greenway totaling (\$150,000 CDBG Funds) also to achieve Community and Economic Development goals, as described in the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the use of federal funds.

Attachments: [R154 2021 HUD Action Plan Amendment Tacoma St](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-5348](#)

R155 Community and Economic Development
Approves the Submission of an amendment to the 2021 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

With the application to HUD, the City is asking to allocate unspent funds to a the construction of Jordan Greenway to achieve Community and Economic Development goals, as described in the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the use of federal funds.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R155 - 2021 HUD Action Plan Amendment](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Joshua Siegel asked for an update from the administration at the next Council meeting as it relates to their Youth Council. To his knowledge it has been some turnover recently. Some individuals have left from the adult side. If possible, he would like the administration to provide a brief update at the next meeting about where we are in terms of full appointments and if the board is at full capacity and is there a plan to provide some financial support or programmatic support to them so they can be up and operating as possible.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated that he plans on speaking to the mayor this evening. He will bring it up and make sure that they get that information.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that John and Judy have been married for several

years now. John called John Jr. up and said your mother and I are getting a divorce. John Jr. said what are you talking about. John stated that he can't stand to live with her anymore. We are not even going to spend the holidays together. Call your sister. He called Jill up and stated that he just got a call from dad and mom and dad are getting a divorce after all this time. They can't even communicate anymore. She said don't worry about it. You show up for Thanksgiving. She stated that she will call dad now. She called her dad and said dad, before you do anything crazy, don't call an attorney, don't file any paperwork, John Jr. and I will be there, and we will talk about this. He hangs up with Jill and Judy says to him, what did they say? She stated that they will be here for Thanksgiving, and they are paying their own way.

ADJOURNED: 7:45 PM[15-4437](#)

Council Rules
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Contract Procedures

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