



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, March 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

Ms. Betty Cauler pointed out some things that Reading, PA is doing. They are giving grants for parking pads behind your house to try to get some of the parking off the streets. They are giving incentives designed templates to help with stormwater compliance, parking help and giving financial help. They have a program called Citywide Parking Relief. They are creating parking in alleys, open parking lot, and stripe parking.

Mr. Pas Simpson, 215 N. Ninth Street, stated that he is disappointed that there is still no RFP for these Credible Messengers. Summertime is coming. You got facts, data, and stats. He stated that he had five of the largest gangs come into our city to show support of the change necessary.

Mr. Mark Lima, 523 W. Turner Street, stated that the Parking Authority is not a Fortune 500 Company. They exist to facilitate life within our city. They are not even doing that. He had an issue and with no response. There are no parking spaces left in Zone 2 after 5:00 PM. You can easily provide more parking spaces, but no one gave him a study or did anything about it.

Mr. Don Ringer stated that he attended a band concert in New York last week at Carnegie Hall and the Allentown Band was featured. Tremendous, Tremendous band. He asked Allentown to give them more support. The band shell at West Park is in deplorable condition. He knows the city has the money to clean it up. There are other bands that use it. The Parking Authority is totally out of control. He does not need \$10,000 to fix it and thinks the city should take it over.

Mr. Alex Encelewski, 600 Block of Sixth Street, stated that the other night his alley was blocked. There is no parking on the street after 11:00 PM. He received two violations notes. It is not something he can afford. He asked the city to make it more walkable.

Mr. Luis Acevedo, 2106 Baker Drive, stated that he is in support of Mayor Tuerk's Resolution requesting funds to hire a consultant and reviewing the Allentown Parking Authority. The citizens of Allentown is tire of the abuse. He asked Council to approve the Resolution unanimously.

Mr. Greenberg Lumus, 621 Hamilton Street, stated that he owns the Mexican Restaurant up the street. He has been open for 10 months and he has all his tickets. He got \$100 ticket for double parking for unloading his products at his restaurant. It is about \$10,000 of tickets in 10 months. He asked the Parking Authority for a secure parking space in the parking lot, and they said he can pay \$100 a month, but they don't guarantee him to have good parking when something going on at the PPL Center or any event.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Mr. Lumus to leave the Allentown Parking Authority list of tickets he received with Mr. Hanlon.

Mr. Victor Martinez, 1125 Colorado Street, stated that as you can see residents and small businesses owners are being affected by the Parking Authority is implementing the Rules and Regulations by not being able to be lenient and listen in this case a business owner. It is time for transparency, and accountable with the Parking Authority. He knows there is going to be a Special Meeting going on, great. Decisions are being made all the time where the people and the community have no say. The City of Allentown should take over the Parking Authority.

Ms. Nancy Moreno, 505 N. Seventh Street, stated that she is disappointed because she paid \$150 for one minute. She went to pick up her niece at the beauty salon and for one minute for double parking. They sent her a bill for \$150.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated to leave it with the City Clerk and Council will take a look at it. Make sure you have your phone number and name.

[15-5768](#)

Privilege of the Floor and Courtesy of the Floor

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

Contract Approvals

[15-5746](#)

R53

Authorization for Contract with Kulik Strategic Advisers in the amount of \$178,400.00 to provide a community health needs assessment and a community health improvement plan. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) establishes the public health activities that all communities should undertake to protect and promote the health of all people in the "10 Essential Public Health Services (EPHS)." These activities begin with the process of assessment; in order to know how health can be improved, a jurisdiction must first understand its needs, strengths, and assets. Therefore, community health needs assessment and a community health improvement plan is a key function of health departments.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R53 - CHNA CHIP](#)
[Resolution #30606](#)

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that she wants to say it is the Community Health Needs Assessment that was discussed before Council.

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

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this is an Assessment and Improvements Plan. What is wrong with the plan we have right now and why it is going to cost the citizens \$178,400 to come up with another plan. What is wrong with the plan right now?

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that this is a grant funded community health needs assessment that is done by statistical analysis. It is done neighborhood by neighborhood, using a professional neighborhood group for community engagement and also to measure data using both hospital data, Allentown data, and combining citizen's input. This is a Comprehensive Health Plan. The funding for this is the Preparedness and Covid Funding that comes to the Health Department.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions or 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: 30606

[15-5747](#)

R54

Authorization for Contract with Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC & Chemung Supply Corp at the unit prices identified in the bid for a total estimated sum of \$79,880.00 to furnish and/or deliver and/or apply road materials, including but not limited to geotextiles. This is a rebid for items

not awarded for Bid No. 2023-01, multiple bidders.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R54 - Road Materials](#)

[Resolution #30607](#)

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that this Contract is for road materials for road maintenance for liquid asphalt and textile fabrics.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that hopefully it is a lot less this year since it has been a very mild winter. He is hoping there will not be many potholes to be repairing. He asked if there are any questions or 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: 30607

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-5727](#) March 1, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [March 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 has not met since the last council meeting; the next is scheduled for March 22 at 5:30 PM.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Mota, Napoli, Affa

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; there is a meeting scheduled for March 22 at 6:15 PM.

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; a meeting has been tentatively scheduled for April 5th at 5:30 PM.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Mota

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for March 22 at 5:45 PM.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

The Committee met this evening; a meeting is scheduled for April 5 at 6:00 PM.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Santos, Hendricks

The Committee met this evening; a meeting is scheduled for April 5th at 5:45 PM.

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Controller's Report (3 minutes)

NONE

Mayor's Report (3 minutes)

Mayor Matt Tuerk read his statement on the Allentown Parking Authority in Spanish and then in English.

[15-5765](#) Controller's Report

Attachments: [4th QUARTER 2022 SUMMARY OF PENSION CASH FLOWS](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-5698](#) Bill 13
Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an appropriation of Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Six Hundred (\$398,600.00) Dollars

into a new capital fund account. This money was awarded as a DCNR Grant for Phase 2 Construction of the Jordan Skatepark.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 13 Skate Park DCNR Grant](#)

[Ordinance #15881](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it was voted favorably to the full Council.

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

Enactment No: 15881

[15-5696](#)

Bill 14

Amending Part II General Legislation, Chapter 163 Animals, Article I Animal Control by updating the language in Sections 1, 3-7, 13-15, 18, and 21-23.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 14 Animal Control Amendment](#)

[Ordinance #15882](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was sent favorably to Council.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that the administration has been looking at this for a while. Rather than making an amendment on the fly to remove that language, we would be very happy to forward legislation in the very near term that would appropriately deal with dogs on Hamilton Street. He would happily work with any member of Council to get that legislation properly written to address the modern needs of our city.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it probably appears in other places.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that is the thought.

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

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it great to see and people are probably adopting and incarcerated for walking their dogs on Hamilton Street. It is great so that even though people haven't been incarcerated for walking their dogs on Hamilton Street, they are still taking a proactive approach at the legislation and updating it. She hopes that they can take the same approach on other ordinances in which people have not been incarcerated, but yet it is antiquated language.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Gerlach and asked if there were any comments from the public.

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks, seconded by Ed Zucal to add Under Section 163-4C2 referring there is no dogs shall be allowed on the Hamilton Mall, except as authorized by the Director of Community and Economic Development or the Director's Designee.

This Motion was withdrawn.

Enactment No: 15882

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

Enactment No: 15882

[15-5697](#)

Bill 15

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) Grant to the Allentown EMS Department to upgrade equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 15 OFSC EMS Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15883](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated that it was moved favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, comments, 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: 15883

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

[15-5711](#)

R55

Sewage Planning Module at 1134 Hanover Avenue Restaurant

Attachments: [R55 1134 Hanover Avenue Restaurant - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[Sewage Planning Module - 1134 Hanover Restaurant](#)
[Resolution #30608](#)

Enactment No: 30608

[15-5712](#) R56
Sewage Planning Module at 101 N. 6th Street

Attachments: [R56 101 N. 6th Street - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[Sewage Planning Module - 101 N 6th Apts](#)
[Resolution #30609](#)

Enactment No: 30609

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-5755](#) R57
Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars to support the renovation of the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Attachments: [R57 Resolution - AASR Lehigh Consistory](#)
[Resolution #30610](#)

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

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 30610

[15-5756](#) R58
Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant in the amount of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$6,500,000.00) Dollars to support the renovation and expansion of the Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) 17th street facilities.

Attachments: [R58 Resolution - LVHN RACP](#)

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

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 30611

[15-5757](#) R59
Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant of One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars to

support the revitalization of the Phoebe Homes Inc. Allentown Campus.

Attachments: [R59 - Phoebe Home](#)

[Resolution #30612](#)

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

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 30612

[15-5721](#)

R60

Approves one transfer: \$40,000 in Fire for the Wrong Budget Account for Expenditure.

Attachments: [R60 Transfer Funds](#)

[Wrong Budget Account for Expenditure](#)

[Resolution #30613](#)

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

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 30613

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

[15-5749](#)

Bill 16

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars from the United States Conference of Mayors and the American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America (ABFHA) grant to the Mayor's office Civic Innovations Fund for a hybrid program in Allentown targeted towards childhood obesity prevention, environmental health and sustainability.

Attachments: [Bill 16 American Beverage Association Grant](#)

Attorney Charles Smith stated that they need to take public comment prior to referral.

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

REFERRED TO HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION, AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

[15-5751](#)

Bill 17

Amending the 2023 ARPA Fund by transferring One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars from the ARPA Fund to the General Fund for the 1528 West Hamilton St. Affordable Housing Project being developed by HDC-Mid Atlantic. 100% of the funds will be used to offset construction costs of the project.

Attachments: [Bill 17 - HDC Mid-Atlantic ARPA](#)
[1528 West - Allentown CEDC committee-2](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-5752](#)

Bill 18

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) Grant to the Allentown Fire Department for the purchase of Holmatro Mini Cutters.

Attachments: [Bill 18 OSFC Grant](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-5753](#)

Bill 19

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Sixty-Two Cents (\$10,435.62). This was the result of payment in lieu of tree plantings from Indus Reality Trust, Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs, and City Center Investment Corp. Funds will be used for the purchase of new street trees.

Attachments: [Bill 19 Shade Tree](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-5750](#)

Bill 20

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-Four Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$21,674.46) from the unappropriated balance in the Golf Funds to the Golf Capital Projects fund. These funds will be used for

outstanding capital improvements from last year to enhance the golf course.

Attachments: [Bill 20 Golf Capital Funds Transfer](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-5754](#)

Bill 21

Amending the 2023 General Fund by transferring Six Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$6,750,000.00) Dollars from the ARPA Fund to be allocated for Two Million One Hundred Thousand (\$2,100,000.00) Dollars for the Water Distribution Main Replacement and Four Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$4,650,000.00) Dollars for the Water Filtration Plant Filters Upgrade.

Attachments: [Bill 21 Water Filters ARPA Request](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-5760](#)

Bill 22

Amending the 2023 General Budget to provide for a transfer of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars from the unappropriated balance to the Mayor's Office, Account 46, Other Contract Services account to hire a consultant to provide the City with a legal and policy analysis of the Allentown Parking Authority regarding operational options inclusive of but not limited to residential parking, parking enforcement, governance structures, parking garage management, and debt structures.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 22 Parking Management Study](#)

[Ordinance #15884](#)

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

Mayor Matt Tuerk asked if it is possible based on the outpouring of support that they have seen today for Council to Suspend the Rules and move this to a vote tonight.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that they would just have to add a section to the Ordinance that you pass it by an affirmative vote of six out of seven members and you get rid of the 14-day period.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he was going to wait until the committee meeting, but he will do it now. He asked for a Motion from one of his

colleagues. He stated that he would like to add to this money from Council's account so that they can get a more thorough study done. He stated that he does not believe that \$10,000 is going to be enough.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated Point of Order, don't we need a Motion to Suspend the Rules first.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated yes, we do.

A motion was made by Cynthia Mota, seconded by Ce-Ce Gerlach, to Suspend The Rules and introduce and vote on Bill 22.

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

Enactment No: 15884

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

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that Mr. Hanlon sent out a number of items that could possibly be covered in this study. She stated that she would be interested in and will vote yes, but will be interested to see a couple of years ago there was an LSR request before Attorney Smith. Did he ever fulfill that? It would have the information that we were looking for. It was a request to see if we could dissolve the Parking Authority.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated correct. In addition to that assessment, the administration would like to an intel assessment to understand exactly what returning some of these services to the city of Allentown and what financial impact that would have on the city. He stated that they are trying to present as much information as possible to help us answer the question so that when Council is ultimately tasks with making decisions on how to move forward they will have all the information available. They can include that in the scope and that's why we want to make sure Council members are part of the group that develops the RFP for the study to be done.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if the analysis also look at a contract that existed now that needs to be updated, but hasn't been updated. She was at a Council meeting and the Controller mentioned the agreement between the Parking Authority and the city need to be updated.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated to Ms. Gerlach there are many numbers of contracts between the Parking Authority and the city regarding leases and rental and responsibilities. He would think all those things can certainly be in the purview of this study. It would be a great time to do it as well.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated to Mayor Tuerk's point, he would like a member of Council o that committee and suggested Mr. Zucal with his background in law enforcement and spent a number of years in the traffic unit of the Allentown Police Department.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that they always welcome Mr. Zucal's financial brain for this as well.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he accepts that.

A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Cynthia Mota, to add in the first paragraph after Other Contract Services \$10,000 from Council's Office Account #000-01-0101-0001-46 and in Section One, adding Council's Office, 000-01-0101-0001-46, Other Contract Services, \$10,000.

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

Enactment No: 15884

A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Cynthia Mota, to Add Pursuant to Section 218 and upon the affirmative vote of six of seven councilpersons, this Ordinance will take effect immediately after final passage.

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

Enactment No: 15884

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that this will be a great thing. The community is asking for this and is obviously a lot of people are having issues. A study needs to be done. She is glad everybody voted yes. Let's see what the study says.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Mota and asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he is very happy that Council is choosing to move forward with this tonight. He was moved by a business owner that came to his office today unexpected and delivered a hand-written letter asking for the administration's help in resolving the issues that they are having in the city of Allentown, particularly around parking. That plea from that business owner is what made him understand what we need to do this tonight rather than extend it another couple of weeks. He stated that he appreciates the work that the members of the Board of the Allentown Parking Authority are doing to make improvements. He wants to make sure that the member of the public knows that the work they are doing is not an indictment of the work that the individual parking enforcement officers conducting. They are doing their jobs.

Pastor Blount, Ripple, stated that as they do the study do they have anybody from the community to do the study. He asked how will they get the information on as to when.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that they welcome the participation of members of our community. He stated that the city will be very public and will issue the RFP in a very public way and will work to bring people together relying on our City Council members to have the relationships in our community.

Ms. Betty Cauler thanked the Mayor for moving on the public's concerns. It's been a long time coming.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there is anybody else.

Mr. Pas Simpson stated that how do we make sure that this does not end up like the other RFP. This is a quick vote.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this is moving forward.

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

Enactment No: 15884

[15-5761](#)

Bill 23 Refer to the Allentown and Lehigh Valley Planning Commissions, and the Community and Economic Development Committee Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Allentown by allowing Elementary or Secondary School in an I3 zoning district if the subject lot is immediately adjacent to or directly across the street from a residential zoning district, and providing for a repealer clause, a severability clause, and an effective date.

Attachments: [Bill 23 Zoning Amendment](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any public comments.

Mr. Gene Berg, registered Architect from Gouck Architects, 1304 Hamilton Street, stated that they and their clients are asking Council to introduce that zoning amendment which would allow an elementary school or secondary school with special exception in parts of the I-2 and I-3 industrial districts that sits immediately adjacent to residential districts and an institutional use. He stated that his client's building is located on S. 12th Street and it would qualify because it is in an I-3 general industrial district across the street from an RM density residential district and next to a daycare center. He believes this is a good amendment to support.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Berg stating that he will be notified when the next meeting from Community and Economic Development.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that just so you know, they worked well with the Planning Department to come up with this text amendment.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he comes in support of this Bill as well. Casa Guadalupe which he is president of the Board is working on developing a Charter School and looking at that specific property that is in question. There is no secret that we have a school district that needs a lot of support, and we just got a new superintendent that was sworn in last week. He thinks it is going to take a long time before they change the Charter School. Over 20 years ago with the school district was in the process of possibly being turned to the state to take over because the PSSA scores were extremely low. He was part of that empowerment team at that time. He hopes it gets a positive result and help our students.

REFERRED TO THE ALLENTOWN AND LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSIONS AND THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):
NONE**

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 7:40 PM

[15-5720](#) Council Rules
Procurement Procedures
Code of Ethics

Attachments: [Council Rules 2023](#)
[Contract/Procurement Procedures from the Code](#)
[Ethics Code](#)