



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Please observe the Rules of Council when given privilege of the floor. A copy of the Council Rules can be found on the council agenda on the website. If you would like to speak, we are asking that you fill out a card – they are on the back table provide them to the clerk before speaking. Include your name and address. When speakers have the privilege of the floor, personal insults, attacks, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose of conducting official business will not be tolerated.

Courtesy of the Floor is meant to provide public comments on items that are not on the agenda. Public comment during consideration of ordinances, resolutions and motions are limited by topic – your comments must be relevant to the subject matter of the proposed legislation. Public comments are taken before council votes on legislation.

You are given the privilege of the floor to provide public comment; it is not a question and answer session. State your position clearly and concisely for consideration. If you speak on behalf of yourself, you have three minutes and if you are speaking on behalf of a group that has several members present, you will be given five minutes in place of everyone coming to the podium. Please address the Council President not individual councilpersons or city staff. Refrain from insulting or defaming staff, officials, and the public; refrain from using offensive language, cursing, and making noises while other people are speaking. Please be aware that comments and/or behavior in violation of these rules will result in a forfeiture of all remaining time and you will be asked to return to your seat.

Contract Approvals

R153

Authorization for Contract with Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc. and Cogan Firearms LLC

(d/b/a 360 Precision) in the combined amount of \$88,210.00, each vendor is being awarded the items for which they submitted the lowest line-item price in the bid, for the purchase and delivery of firearms and related accessories for use by the sworn personnel of the Allentown Police Department. Two (2) bids were received, contract shall be for one (1) year with one (1) additional one (1) year renewals beyond the contract expiration period.

Attachments: [R153 - Firearms](#)

R154

Authorization for a Receivables Contract with Ross Body & Frame Works Inc (d/b/a A-1 Towing), with a revenue generating total of \$1,085,100.00 for year 2026, 2027, and 2028, and a the estimated expense amount of \$4,000.00 per year for the contractor to tow City vehicles at one-half the rates established in the bid. This contract is to hire a highly qualified company to provide towing, storage and impounding services to the City of Allentown, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The City shall at all times receive priority service. Work under this project shall include locked, fence-enclosed lighted compound area, preferably attended for security purposes. This project was competitively bid, one (1) response was received. The contract shall commence on January 1, 2026, and shall be for three (3) years with two (2) additional one (1) year renewals beyond the contract expiration period.

Attachments: [R154 - Ross Body](#)

R155

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for Brown Daub Chevrolet of Nazareth

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R155 Cooperative Approval - 11.05](#)

R156

Authorization for a change order in the amount of \$153,165.00 with Michael Baker International to provide technical assistance and assist the City with compliance with its HUD Entitlement Programs and other grant programs as needed. Specific compliance reports and activities include but are not limited to the Five-Year Community and Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, Analysis of Impediments to further Fair Housing and Environmental Reviews. The original contract was for an estimated \$100,000.00 per contract year, the addition would bring the contract to a new total of \$253,165.00.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R156 .Michael Baker](#)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

September 3, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [September 3, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

October 15, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes (Bill 69 and Bill 70)

Attachments: [October 15, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes \(Bill 69 and Bill 70\).pdf](#)

October 15, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [October 15, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Communications

Old Business

REPORTS

Controller Reports

Attachments: [Accounts Payable](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 80

Amending the 2025 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$388,000) from FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance, grant will be utilized to purchase and install new sprinkler systems in each of the fire stations.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 80 - Fire Sprinkler FEMA Grant Appropriation](#)

Bill 81

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million One Hundred Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$1,105,491.39) from UGI for the construction of ADA handicap ramps and milling and paving streets under the City's Utility Paving Program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 81 - UGI Cost Share Purchase](#)

Bill 82

Amending the 2025 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$76,600.00) from FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters grant. These funds will be utilized to purchase of Fire Alarm System installations at four of the fire stations for the Allentown Fire Department.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 82 - Fire Alarms FEMA Grant Appropriation](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

R157

Sewage Planning Module at 1047 W Hamilton Street

Sponsors: Administration**Attachments:** [R157 1047 W Hamilton Street - Sewage Planning Module.doc](#)
[Sewage Planning Module - 1047 W Hamilton Street.pdf](#)

R158

S 12th Street Apartments - Sewage Planning Module

Sponsors: Administration**Attachments:** [R158 S 12th Street Apartments - Sewage Planning Module.doc](#)
[Exchange 32 LLC - S. 12th Street Apartment - Sewage Planning Module.pdf](#)

R159

427 N Lumber Street

Sponsors: Administration**Attachments:** [R159 - HARB Resolution.docx](#)
[FINAL Review 427 N Lumber St - Window \(v2\).pdf](#)**RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

R160

Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant of One Million One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Dollars (\$1,121,000.00) to support Phoebe Ministries.

Attachments: [R160 - Phoebe Ministries RACP](#)

R161

Authorizes the submission of a Formal Application for the Local Share Account (LSA) Grant by the City of Allentown for funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Services in the amount of approximately Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to conduct a feasibility study on converting select one-way streets into two-way streets.

Attachments: [R161 - Public Works Traffic LSA](#)

R162

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of Ripple Community, Inc. to support the redevelopment and repurposing of a historic Allentown building located at 1547 W. Chew Street.

Attachments: [R162 - Ripple Community LSA](#)

R163

Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant of Twenty-one Million (\$21,00,000) to support the Allentown Art Museum.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R163 Art Mus revised.docx](#)

R164

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of the Allentown Art Museum to support the construction of a new facility. The City of Allentown is submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for \$1,000,000 awarded from the Statewide Local Share Account (LSA) grant that will support the construction and development of a new art museum at 10th and Hamilton Streets in center-city.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R164 - Allentown Art Museum LSA](#)

R165

Authorizes lease agreement with Danfrank Enterprise, LLC, d/b/a Jack's Slice for the restaurant and bar at Allentown Municipal Golf Course, 3400 Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA 18104

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R165 - Jack's Slice Lease](#)

R166

Approves the following transfers: Public Safety/Police - \$376,000; Public Safety/Police - for leasing and modifications for parking garage; \$136,000 in Police for 3 SUVs ; Parks Maintenance - \$30,785.58 for snow removal equipment ; Parks and Recreation - \$16,066.25, for a shade structure at the skate park; \$75,000 in Public Works, Fleet Maintenance for repairs.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R166 Transfers.doc](#)

[Lease and Garage Modifications](#)

[Shade Structure for Skatepark.pdf](#)

[Parks Maintenance - Needs to Purchase a New Ventrac to Replace an Old and](#)

[3 SUV Purchases for Police Fleet](#)

[\\$75000 Signed Fleet Transfer.pdf](#)

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

Bill 84

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the General Fund, Administrative Order Fund, Risk Management Fund, Debt Service Fund, Equipment Fund, and Golf Fund Budgets for 2026.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill No. 84 -2026 BUDGET AND TAX RATE.docx](#)

Bill 85

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Building Code Fund Budget for 2026 for Community and Economic Development per Chapter 270 of City code for Building Fees.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill No 85 - 2026 BUILDING CODE FUND.doc](#)

Bill 86

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Liquid Fuels Fund Budget for 2026.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill No.86 - 2026 LIQUID FUELS.doc](#)

Bill 87

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Rental Unit Licensing Fund Budget for 2026 and amending Article 1759 – Landlord and Rental Fee by maintaining the Residential Rental Fees.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill No.87 -2026 RENTAL UNIT FUND.doc](#)

Bill 88

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget for 2026 and amending Article 1131, Municipal Waste Storage, Collection and Disposal by increasing the Solid Waste Fee at Seven Hundred Forty (\$740) Dollars.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill No. 88- 2026- SOLID WASTE FUND AND FEE.doc](#)

Bill 89

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Stormwater Fund Budget for 2026 and amending Article 393.15 – Stormwater Utility Fee by maintaining the Stormwater Utility Fee at Twenty (\$20) Dollars per Five Hundred (500) square feet of impervious surface.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill No.89- 2026 STORMWATER FUND AND FEE.doc](#)

Bill 90

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Trexler Fund Budget for 2026.

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [Bill No.90 - 2026 TREXLER FUND.doc](#)

Bill 91

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania, amending Section 807, Revenue, of the Home Rule Charter to remove the "Deed Transfer Tax" language.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Mota, Napoli and Santos

Attachments: [Bill 91 RTT FROM HRC SECTION 807.doc](#)

Bill 92

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Section 570-13 of the Realty Transfer Tax Ordinance by increasing the Realty Tax by 0.5% for the purpose of raising funds to deal with issues relating to housing.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Mota, Napoli and Santos

Attachments: [Bill 92 Deed Transfer Tax.docx](#)
[Allentown Housing Plan_2024_Final-1.pdf](#)

Bill 93

Amending the Civil Service Rules, Governing the Appointment and Promotion of Police Officers and Fire Fighters, Part V to Part VII

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 93 - Civil Service Board Rules Amendment](#)

Bill 94

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to support construction of MLK Trail Phase 2.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 94 - MLK DCNR Grant Appropriation](#)

Bill 95

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) to a newly created capital account. The City was awarded grant funds from the Covid-19 ARPA H2O PA Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Projects Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the City of Allentown Source Reduction Program (SRP/I&I Project) for years 1, 2 and 3.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 95 - H2O Grant Transfer](#)

Bill 96

Amending Chapter 75, Pensions and Retirement, Article II Police Pension Fund, §75-53 by adding a new §75-53, entitled Deferred Retirement Option Plan.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 96 .docx](#)
[Police FINAL DROP MOU 11.3.2025.docx](#)
[Updated 2025 DROP legislative template only 11.3.2025.docx](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):**NEW BUSINESS****GOOD AND WELFARE****ADJOURN**

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