



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

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

R82

Authorization for a contract increase in the amount of \$10,000.00; an increase from an estimated \$40,000.00 per year to an estimated \$50,000.00 per year, for a contract previously bid and awarded to Gilboy Ford, Inc., Ross Body & Frame Works, Inc., and Stengel Bros. Inc. to provide vehicle suspension, steering, and alignment for City vehicles. Upon Written notification, these contracts can be extended for an additional four (4) one (1) year terms beyond the contract expiration period. It has been requested to utilize the third of four (4) renewal terms and extend the contracts to June 20, 2027.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R82 Change Order - Suspension, Steering, & Alignment](#)

R83

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for Johnson Controls Fire Protection and Gorski Engineering, Inc.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R83 Cooperative Approval - 07.15.2026](#)

R84

Authorization for a change order in the amount of \$156,084.66 with H & P Construction to supply printers and multifunction machines along with support and maintenance of the equipment. The original contract was for \$2,258,522.18, the addition would bring the contract to a new total of \$2,414,605.84.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R84 - Change Order - Bogert's Bridge Construction](#)

R85

Authorization for a contract increase in the amount of \$139,682.00; for a contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. to provide consulting and engineering design services related to the D&L Trail: Allentown East Segment Design. The contract sum before the change order was \$270,792.00, the addition would bring the contract to a new total of \$410,474.00.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R85 Change Order - D&L Trail Design](#)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

June 3, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [June 3, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Communications

Old Business

REPORTS

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 33

Repealing Chapter 135, "Abandoned Real Property; Blight" in its entirety and adopting Chapter 611, "Vacant and At Risk Property"

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 33- Vacant Property Amendment](#)
[VacantPropertyOrd_Proposed REVISIONS from the Admin](#)

Bill 49

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to fund the purchase of a rectangular rapid flashing beacon crosswalk warning sign to be installed at a mid-block crosswalk on 14th Street between Allen and Tilghman Street as part of the AARP Community Challenge Grant the City was awarded.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 49 - AARP Grant Allocation](#)

Bill 50

Amending the 2026 General Fund budget to accommodate the upgrade of the Opioid Prevention Manager and the Health Director in the Bureau of Health within the Department of Community & Economic Development. The Opioid Prevention Manager, currently an s09, would be upgraded to a proposed pay grade of s11 to align with the similar levels of responsibility, autonomy and workload as five (5) other s11's in the Bureau. The permanent wages of this position are fully grant funded. The Health Director, currently an s18, would be upgraded to a proposed pay grade of s21 to acknowledge the addition of three (3) new program areas since the position was last graded in 2017 and the cabinet level responsibilities of this position while remaining in the supervisory pay scale. This position is partially grant funded.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 50 Health Position Reclasses](#)

Bill 51

Amending the 2026 General Fund budget to accommodate the downgrade and title change of the vacant Grants Compliance Administrator to an Assistant Grants Compliance Administrator in the Bureau of CDBG Administration within the Department of Community & Economic Development. The Grants Compliance Administrator, currently an s11, would be downgraded to a proposed pay grade of s07 to align with the level of responsibility, autonomy and workload that the office currently needs for this vacant position. The permanent wages of this position are 60% HUD grant reimbursable and 40% General Fund funded.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 51 - Grants Position Reclass](#)

CONSENT AGENDA: No items on consent agenda.

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**R80**

Authorizing the expenditure of council funds for an independent five-year financial analysis and providing for the temporary deferral of certain capital projects pending completion of said analysis

Sponsors: Affa, Binder, Mota, Napoli and Gerlach

Attachments: [R-80 Independent 5 year analysis](#)

R86

Authorizes the submission of a Formal Application for funding from the Pennsylvania Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Grant Opportunity in the amount of approximately Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) for safety improvements along 15th Street Corridor.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R87 MTF Grant Application](#)

R87

Transfers placing money in the proper accounts:

\$21,140.89 Fire Transfer – For the renewal of the Fire Department’s online Reporting System

\$117,163.00 Fire Transfer – For the cost of repairs necessary to preserve the safe use of the training tower.

\$100,000.00 Risk Transfer – Funds are needed to cover the cost of replacing the gate and control box at the Streets Department yard after they were damaged by a delivery truck.

\$30,000.00 CED Transfer – At-Risk Property Registration

\$21,330 CED Transfer – XRF analyzer for the inspection of lead based paint for the Community Housing–Lead Program. Beginning with the 2026 budget, equipment purchases with a unit cost greater than \$5,000 must be budgeted under the Fixed Assets account.

\$100,000 CED Transfer – To cover a contract for consulting services with Urban Design Ventures, LLC.

\$29,599.00 Parks Transfer – Due to a change in the plan by the Allentown School District, a portion of the grant funds for Midway Manor to invest in a playground are no longer required by the organization to enhance the playground. DCED has asked that the city use the funds to support recreation and programming. The department will be purchasing new backboards for basketballs courts and various programming supplies for recreation needs.

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Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R87 Transfers](#)

[1. FIRE BA Online Rptg Software](#)

[2. FIRE BA Training Tower Repairs](#)

[3. Risk BA Prop Losses](#)

[4. BA BS&S At Risk Revenue Transfer \(FE\)](#)

[5. BSS-Lead Detection Machine \\$21,330 \(FE\)](#)

[6. HUD Fund Contract Svsc \\$100,000](#)

[7. BA \(Resolution\)_TBD Midway Manor Grant Money No Longer Needed \\$29,5](#)

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

Bill 53 Refer to Community and Economic Development
Amending the 2026 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars from Community Action Lehigh Valley as repayment of a HUD approved loan issued in 2025 to provide for the installation of new roofing for qualifying owner-occupied homes in the City of Allentown.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 53 - CACLV Loan Repayment](#)

Bill 54 Refer to Special Meeting on July 22 at 6 PM
Amending the City of Allentown Public Health Code by adding Chapter 421, Paid Sick Leave Act, to improve the public health by requiring certain businesses to allocate sick time to employees.

Attachments: [Bill 54 Sick Initiative](#)

[Petition sample](#)

[Citizens' Rights and Participation \(1\)](#)

[Petitioner Committee](#)

Bill 55 Refer to Budget and Finance
Amending Part 1 – Administrative Legislation, Chapter 75 – Pensions and Retirement, Article III – Police Pension Fund, by adding a new section “Pension Service Credit for Prior Service with a Police Department”.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 55 Ordinance - Police Service Pension Credits](#)

Bill 56 Refer to Community and Economic Development Committee
Amending Part II General Legislation, Chapter 400 Noise, Section 400-6 Sound levels by receiving land use, to add regulations for continuously operating uses and Section 400-7 Regulations, to add a compliance verification method.

Sponsors: Administration, Napoli and Mota

Attachments: Bill 56 Ch 400 Noise - General

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

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