



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, May 5, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**Public Comment Provisions during COVID-19: The meeting will be live streamed. The link to the meeting can be found on the city website with the agenda and legislation at <https://www.allentownpa.gov>. Council will receive comments on the legislation prior to the meeting and will consider all comments from city residents. All comments must include your name and address, including your city, and be emailed to [Michael.Hanlon@AllentownPa.gov](mailto:Michael.Hanlon@AllentownPa.gov) by 2 PM on the date of the meeting. Comments can also be registered using the ecomment provision on each agenda item found on the city website. Comments received from city residents by that deadline will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council members prior to the meeting and will also be noted at Courtesy of the Floor or Public Comment periods of the meeting. These timely received comments will also be posted on the City's webpage as a supporting document to the meeting. Any comments received on the meeting day, after the 2:00 pm deadline, will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council as soon as practicable. In addition, if you would like to speak during the meeting, please send your name, address, including municipality, and telephone number to the email address above indicating what issue you would like to speak on or call the office at 610.437.7555 and do the same, and you will be called during the meeting.**

**Invocation:**

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Courtesy of the Floor**

**Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules**

Mr. Tyler Fatzinger, Good evening, I was hoping this email could also be read at the next town hall meeting. I have been conducting in person and e signatures to send city council a message that we want Fairview cemetery in better condition. Our history and culture is being eroded away by the relaxed sweep rules and relaxed city rules regarding cemetery up keep. We have seen this case with West Union cemetery and the old Allentown cemetery and now Fairview. We as a city need to keep our community in a beautiful condition while preserving it for future generations. As a life long citizen of this city I am doing my duty to do what I can and I need Allentown's

city council and mayor to dig in and not stand for this current neglect and blight in one of Allentown most forgotten cemeteries. I will attach the e signatures pdf which includes just shy of 290 signatures. The in person ones will follow at a later date. Sincerely,

West Park Civic Association Board, Allentown, PA, Board Members: Tom Yuracka, Ibi Balog, Margaretha Haeussler, Nancy Jensen, Merrily Starkey, Peter Jodik, Cheryl Haughney, .May 5, 2021 Dear: City Council with copy to the Mayor and Vicky Kistler, Head of Health Department We are writing to express our concern with respect to proposed changes in zoning laws regarding allowing the frying of foods in locations in the city where it is currently prohibited. As noted in the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Allentown. Section 1314.02.C.4 (7) there is a prohibition on permitting the Commercial Use in Residential districts if the use includes the on-site frying of foods. Bill No. 31-201 repeals this prohibition. The West Civic Association is opposed to this change on several fronts:<ol>

<li>We feel the current law is appropriate and should continue to be enforced.</li>

<li>The use of fryers in residential areas presents fire safety issues given the dense population and building structures in these neighborhoods.</li>

<li>The externalities associated with frying of foods in close proximity to residences put an undue quality of life burden on residents who are already struggling with multiple quality of life issues in the city.</li>

<li>Disposal of used cooking oil will potentially add to issues of waste disposal in the city. We also question how the city will be able to ensure that such waste is disposed of properly, or ideally recycled.</li>

<li>Providing increased access to and encouraging the consumption of fried foods is in direct contradiction to the policies being promoted in the city to improve the health of the city's residents. The Health Department is promoting exercise and access to fresh foods as two examples of investment in the health of the city's residents. Why would we use our zoning laws to contradict these actions?</li>

<li>It should also be noted that there is an increasing discussion of how cities can in fact use zoning to promote the health of their residents. We would be happy to share our research in this area with Council and other interested parties.</li>

</ol>We respectfully request that City Council, at a minimum, undertake additional analysis of the potential impact such a zoning change would have on the residents of the City of Allentown and also engage with the Health Department to discuss more positive ways we could increase access to healthy foods, such as increasing the availability of fresh produce and non-processed foods to residents. We would also suggest that Council provide evidence that there is sufficient resources to ensure that if such a change in zoning was permitted, the compliance with appropriate laws as far as the installation of equipment to ensure no negative impacts

with respect to quality of life or fire risk are followed. We would also request that the city respond as to how the waste generated will be dealt with. Will the city support a waste collection operation that recycles used cooking oil as is done in other cities? Finally, we respectfully request that a financial impact analysis of such a change in zoning be undertaken to ensure that the residents of the city are not burdened with further costs to administer and enforce this change in the zoning ordinance. Respectfully,

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

[15-4265](#) Public Comment

**Attachments:** [Public Comment](#)

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## Approval of Minutes:

[15-4261](#) March 3, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [March 3, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

## Old Business

### Communications

#### Council President Note Proclamations for Allentown Students

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:****Special Meetings:**

**May 12, 5:30 PM - to review and discuss the CAHOOTS presentation.**

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

The committee met on April 28 and forwarded items on tonight's agenda; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

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

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

**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 this evening; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

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

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

**Controllers Report**

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he has an Accounts Payable Weekly Check Review Report from the 3rd of April until 30th of April. At the next meeting he will give a P-Card Report as well as a Bank Reconciliation Report or two. He went over the Accounts Payable Weekly Check Review Report.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated it was \$450,000 that was not approved by the Budgetary Process.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that the development where LANTA is, LANTA and the Parking Authority determined that they needed a property. Council duly recognized

the city would be the lead agency on this taking under Resolution 61 that was approved last June. The Resolution stated that the APA would set aside monies for this. However, he has not been able to find an MOU or a Contract approval of the city and APA. The city is handling the eminent domain and as part of that process, the city needed to put money in escrow to show its good will. It is unusual to cut a check out of a revenue account. The only time it is building permits that the city has to remit to the state. The perimeters of the expense was not identified in that Resolution. The city has not taken a property by eminent domain in quite some time.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that is a lot of money to be spent and not notify Council.

Mr. Jeffery Glazier stated that Council was kind of were and kind of not. The Resolution did not specify the dollar amount and Council approved it last June. It said that APA would set aside the money. They only voted for it last week which was a week and a half when they had to pay the court. He is concerned about the accounting.

Mayor Ray O'Connell asked if the city received the check from APA.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that yes, but a week and a half after they had to put the money in. The money is listed as a contribution. He doesn't understand why it did not say it was a reimbursement.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that the account where the \$450,000 came out of is the account the city used for years. It is the Rental Rehab Account. It may be labeled incorrectly, but those are funds that come back from when the city loaned out money. These are HUD dollars. They are unrestricted funds. If they have to change the process then a conversation needs to be had with him.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if the city took the properties by eminent domain, but they were occupied properties.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that is correct. Every person there has been relocated and their rent has been covered for the year. With the \$450,000, the city was paid \$500,000 because they don't know the owner is disputing the value. The city deposited \$450,000 to the courts for escrow.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if anyone else had a comment regarding the Reports.

## Administration Report

NONE

[15-4264](#)

Controller Report

**Attachments:** [Accounts Payable 4-3 to 4-30](#)  
[P-Card Review](#)

## APPOINTMENTS:

[15-4259](#) Glenn Lichtenwalner, HARB, 1/8/2024 (Replacing Barry Brobst) - Architect

**Attachments:** [Glenn Lichtenwalner - HARB](#)  
[Resolution #30195](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she does not know if Glenn Lichtenwalner is an Architect. His appointment runs from 2024.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he is an Architect.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he had the same question she had.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30195

[15-4260](#) AJ Jordan, HARB - Old Allentown 05/05/24

**Attachments:** [AJ Jordan - HARB](#)  
[AJ Jordan Resume - HARB](#)  
[Resolution #30196](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any questions from her colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30196

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

[15-4198](#) Bill 34 Budget and Finance, Forwarded favorably  
Amending the 2021 General Fund and Risk Management Fund budget to accommodate the reorganization of positions to allow the Department of Finance to operate more efficiently.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 34 Finance Reorg](#)  
[Financial Analyst Job Desc](#)  
[Payroll Administrator Description](#)  
[Ordinance #15705](#)

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

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that they forwarded it favorably. It just brings the Payroll Administration in the Finance Department. It is a pay and grade increase for one of the Financial Analyst.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15705

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Enactment No: 15705

[15-4206](#)

Bill 36 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably Amending the Part Three Business Regulation and Taxation Code, Title III, Taxes, by repealing Article 339 mechanical amusement devices tax in its entirety.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 36 REPEALING THE MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES TAX](#)  
[Ordinance #15706](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated to Mr. Siegel that it was in his committee.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that it was forwarded favorably and it gets rid of the pinball tax.

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

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she was not here. She asked for an explanation.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that you were obviously not at the previous meeting. Mr. O'Neill explained. They did some in-house record keeping for taxes that the city still has on the books and the ones that are existing in name only and do not produce any sizeable revenue. The amusement device tax brought in a little less than \$7,000 in revenue.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it only affected a few people.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that is the next one.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15706

[15-4207](#)

Bill 37 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably Amending the Part Three Business Regulation and Taxation Code, Title IX, Fee, by repealing Section 395.24 Cigarette Vending Machine Fees as well as Article 1160 Licensing and Regulation of Cigarette Vending Machines in its entirety.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 37 REPEALING CIGARETTE VENDING MACHINE FEES](#)

[Ordinance #15707](#)

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that it was also forwarded favorably and for Ms. Affa's edification this tax brings in \$300 a year. There are currently three vendors that actually still. Nobody smokes. If we had a vaping we would probably raise a fortune.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15707

[15-4221](#)

Bill 38 Rules, this evening DIRECTING THE LEHIGH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE A REFERENDUM QUESTION BEFORE THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN VOTERS ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT TO AMEND THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN HOME RULE CHARTER TO DELETE A PROVISION IN THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN HOME RULE CHARTER THAT IDENTIFIES ENGLISH AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN

**Sponsors:** Gerlach, Guridy, Mota and Mr. Siegel

**Attachments:** [Bill 38 Charter Amendment - Remove English as official language](#)

[Ordinance #15708](#)



Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it was in his committee. They discussed it earlier and forwarded favorably, 2 - 1. He asked if anybody had any questions or comments.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if this was just a vote to put it up for the Referendum.

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

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Daryl Hendricks

Enactment No: 15708

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

[15-4245](#)

R60

Police Officer Appointments: Pedro Bautista, Cody Gonzalez and Steven Gonzalez

**Attachments:** [R60 Hiring 3 Police Officers](#)  
[Resolution #30197](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments and stated that it was in Ms. Mota's committee. No, this is the first time.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it is for introduction.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Council will vote on this today.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Assistant Chief Lake is here.

Assistant Chief William Lake stated that he is excited about these three young men. All three of them are currently police officers elsewhere. Hiring of these three police officers will help bring the city closer to its budgeted compliment. As you may have guessed by their names, they are also helping our department to diversify.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated Gonzalez, Gonzalez and Bautista. It used to be a president name Bautista and he was an interesting president. No relations, right?

Assistant Chief William Lake stated no relations.

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

Ms. Candida Affa asked if they were officers in other cities in Pennsylvania.

They are coming in as newbies and going through the city of Allentown's Academy.

Assistant Chief Lake stated yes and no. They do go to our academy for several weeks and they do not have to go through the whole Police Academy Training. The basic training. Hiring officers from other places is very beneficial to us because they have the basic training and experience. We bring them onboard and fine-tune their training to fit our needs here.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they used to do that before. And the city changed that several years ago. The Council passed a Resolution so that they don't have to go through the Academy fully and now they can be integrated into the Police Department. They do get more training, but it not a whole full academy.

Ms. Candida Affa asked what advance training do they get.

Assistant Chief William Lake stated the Rules specific to Allentown and the policies and procedures with Use of Force.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks commended the Police Administration as well as the Mayor for continuing to seek diversity within the Police Department. You have made great strides by doing so.

Mr. Julio Guridy seconded Mr. Hendricks comment. This is the first time having three Hispanic police officers at the same time moving forward for hiring. He stated that he has been asking for it for over 20 years.

Assistance Chief William Lake stated that Mr. Guridy is right. The city had four women not too long ago and now we have three Hispanic men. It is great for the city.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that this is exciting. She agrees with Mr. Guridy that they have been asking for more diversity in the department and females. This is what they are getting. They are being more open-minded and positive.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

**No:** 2 - Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30197

[15-4251](#)

R61

Names the Park at 2nd and Hamilton "La Placita"

**Sponsors:** Guridy and Mota

**Attachments:** [R61 La Placita - at 2nd and Hamilton](#)

[Park Letter](#)

[2 and Hamilton Park Proposal.](#)

[Resolution #30198](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Council talked about this in the past. It was all over the news. They had some letters in support this or at least some comments.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated yes, they are in your file from Victor and a number of them.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Victor Martinez send a video. Are you able to play it?

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated he is getting it right now. And, Julie Thomases said she is good to go next Wednesday.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked has the neighbors been spoken about this too. Are they in favor?

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the neighbors are in favor. He send close to 100 emails and he talked about it this morning on the radio.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that the Puerto Rican Cultural Preservation held an event there and has held events there before. They had a lot of community support.

Mr. Michael Hanlon played the video from Victor Martinez on La Placita - at 2nd and Hamilton.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that it is a great idea. When the community has a park, they will take care of. It is something that the community can be proud of.

Mr. Julio Guridy making our community proud is obviously we know that Hispanics are 54 percent in Allentown and there is only one structure that has a Spanish a name after and it is Luis Ramos Elementary School at 15th and Allen. He was on Council when they were choosing a name and a place to put a name. It is nothing else in the city that has a name in the city that has a name of any Hispanic name for the largest population. He tried to put Calle Siete underneath 7th Street and that did not go anywhere. It was a little discomfort from some people.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated she would hope that people will vote for this. People spoke with pride. This will be unity. The community wants it and will take care of it. It will be a really nice place to gather. The Allentown School District will bring art and some suggestions on what they want to see there.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there are any further comments from his colleagues or the public.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that the brick wall has been Glazier's Furniture from 1916 until 2017. He walked through that park for 20 - 26 years. It was quite clearly in a city of parks with very limited resources, a step-child in terms of how it was maintained. He was always appreciative when the city trimmed the hedges and took care of the weeds. If the community is willing to rally around it and put effort to it, it is a good thing. He stated that Mr. Martinez made a speculation that the first Puerto Ricans that came to Allentown lived there. He will ask his dad. There used to be three storefronts. One in which was a speakeasy at times. The corner property was a hardware store. There were apartments above that building. This will be a great project for the neighborhood.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he speak to Ms. Percy and she was glowing talking about you.

Mr. Jeffery Glazier stated that Ms. Percy is a lovely woman and a good customer.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated if there are no further comments, call the vote.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30198

[15-4249](#)

R62

Recommends the Lehigh County explore in conjunction with relevant city officials the establishing of a Housing Court

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

**Attachments:** [R62 Housing Court](#)

[Resolution #30199](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it was brought by everybody here. Does anybody want to speak about it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked for his name to be added.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is unanimous. He asked if there were any

further comments from the dais or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30199

[15-4256](#)

R63

Approves Transfer: \$23,010 transfer in Finance for Purchase Bluebeam to work with Energov System and for a security system ((Ninjio) needed for EPIC and other modules.

**Attachments:** [R63 To Purchase Bluebeam Software Required Component to be integrated with Engergov System](#)  
[Purchase Bluebeam Software Required Component to be intergrated with Energov System](#)  
[Resolution #30200](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if it is to be voted on today or sent to committee.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated to be voted on.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30200

[15-4258](#)

R64

Recommends the General Assembly To Enact Gov. Wolf's 2021 State Budget Proposal for K-12 Education Funding

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

**Attachments:** [R64 School](#)  
[Resolution #30201](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is a good one as well. Any further comments from the dais or the public?

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30201

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

[15-4246](#)

Bill 39 Public Safety, this evening  
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Two (\$56,572) Dollars from the United States Department of Justice through the

Emergency Supplemental Funding program known as the CARES Act to the City of Allentown for COVID-19 related purchases.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 39 Police Covid Grant](#)

[Resolution #15709](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15709

[15-4247](#)

Bill 40 Public Safety, this evening  
Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Twenty-One Cents (\$49,764.21) from the Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) for tuition and salary reimbursement from Act 120 Training to be used for building upgrades and repairs on the Police Academy Bldg.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 40 Police Academy Grant](#)

[Resolution #15710](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15710

[15-4248](#)

Bill 41 Public Works, this evening  
Providing for the vacation of South Bryan Street from the centerline of Ester Street to the centerline of vacated Dover Street in the Nineteenth Ward of the City of Allentown:

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 41 Bryan Street from South Bryan Street to Ester Street](#)

[Letter from Irene Woodward from Planning Department regarding South Bryan Street from South Bryan Street to Ester Street - Street Vacation](#)

[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding South Bryan Street from South Bryan Street to Ester Street - Street Vacation](#)

[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding South Bryan Street from South Bryan Street to Ester Street](#)  
[S Bryan Street Report Staff Report](#)

[Resolution #15711](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15711

[15-4252](#)

Bill 42 Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy, this evening

Amending the Ethics Code by adding language that states: No elected official, appointed official, or employee shall use City resources in any manner for purposes of any political activity. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to: use of interior locations in city buildings, use of any City equipment; use of time; and use of any City resources; and conducting public or private meetings in City property. Political activity includes, but is not limited to: (1) any campaigns for elected political office, whether contested or not; (2) any support or opposition for or against any political party; and (3) any support or opposition for or against any political based action group.

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

**Attachments:** [Bill 42 Ethics Amendment](#)

[Resolution #15712](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he wants to make sure that they know that they amended this. He asked for an amendment. Instead of it saying city property, it would say inside the city properties. He stated to make sure that they write it correctly.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated no comments.

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

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that when this is referred to the committee, he will be making a statement regarding this at the committee meeting.

REFERRED TO THE RULES, CHAMBERS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15712

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

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

Assistant Chief William Lake stated that he is vaguely familiar with this legislation as it moves to Harrisburg. He thinks he will like to say that the city is well ahead of the curve at least as far as it relates to the time requirements for retaining body worn camera videos. The Police actually retain videos much longer that they are trying to implement in this new law. The Police Department does this already.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated great. In fact, related to cameras and videos if he could stay for a second after the meeting. He stated that he would like to speak to him about something that was brought to him.

Assistant Chief William Lake stated absolutely.

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

## REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-4250](#)

R65 Public Safety, this evening  
Supports legislation by State Reps. Dan Miller and Austin Davis to make police videos and recordings fall within the RTK laws

**Sponsors:** Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

**Attachments:** [R65 RTK Video recordings](#)

[HB 626](#)

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE****GOOD AND WELFARE**

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that yesterday, actually last night was a historic moment for the Latino community. For the first time, they had the Civilian Police Academy in Spanish. She thanked Chief Granitz, Assistant Roca, Detective Luis Garcia, the Mayor, Julio Guridy and all Councilmembers for making this a reality. She stated that she was there last night for a little bit and what she saw in the participants eyes was excitement and at the same time they were learning. It is all over Facebook.



Mr. Julio Gurdy stated kudos to the Police Department for their efforts as well and the Assistant Chief and whoever else supported it. He took the Police Civilian Academy back 25 years ago. He bets there are a lot of changes and making unity.

**ADJOURNED: 8:18 PM**