



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Moment of Silence

Pledge to the Flag

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that back when he was a member of the Allentown Police Department in charge of the Traffic Division, Mr. Stanko worked for him for three years as a bike officer up on the mall. There were no question that he was one of the most popular officers that the department ever had. There is an old saying that you can tell the type of person they are by the first time you hear them speak. Mr. Stanko was above and beyond the average human being. Our first conversation and said he considers himself a family man one of our very first conversations was about his wife and his two daughters. Jim used to be a bodybuilder and he still was very fit obviously until his last days. He always talked about his family. He thinks that people that talk about their families have great integrity, the best love coming from their heart, and shows the best example of being a true, true friend and citizen. it is indeed a great loss for this city, for the Allentown Police department, and for the future of Allentown. He asked to make a motion for our flag to be flown at half staff until after Monday of his funeral. He stated that he believes that is something that the Mayor has to agree to.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that his understanding of flag procedure is that you fly it half staff at the orders of the President or the Governor. He stated that they will look into it for sure. He stated that he feels similarly about Detective Stanko. If it is permitted he will absolutely do that. If it is not permitted, he asked everyone to please understand that it is simply the rule of our land.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he can further change that. He stated not the American flag. The city flag.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he believes that they can do that and similarly do something that would commemorate Detective Stanko's honor in city hall's lobby as well. He stated that he will speak to the building and ground team.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she wants to share the story the day after

Detective Stanko died. She stated that she was at Starbucks through the drive thru and her sandwich wasn't ready and the gentleman and her started talking about COVID and she mentioned we had just lost one of the police officer and he had asked who it was and she told him and he broke down and put his hands over his face and started crying. He stated that he came from Allentown from Brooklyn as a young man and he got in trouble and he said that his arresting officer was officer Stanko. He said that man saved his life and kept him on the straight and narrow all the time. She stated that she takes her hat off to all police officers. This is just one story. When she thinks about Allentown Finest, she will always think of Detective Stanko.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that Officer Stanko was a community man. It is going to be a great loss for our city. She has babies at home, 10 and 11 years old and they were praying for the officer. It was really hard to let them know that he is gone and he is in heaven. When you pray, prayers supposed to heal people. For children, when they pray, that is the intention. Children just loved Office Stanko. He ran a Program PAL. It was really successful. She just could imagine how everyone is hurting.

This was approved.

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. Diane Cordian, Deputy Chief Clerk at Lehigh County Voter Registration Office, stated that she has someone here today with her, Alexandra Sierra.

Ms. Alexandra Sierra, Alternate Language Coordinator for the Voter Registration office. She stated that she is in charge of staffing the Spanish and Bi-lingual Poll Workers and the Community Outreach Liaison.

Ms. Diane Cordian talked about an event on Tuesday, January 25 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Lehigh County Government Center. They asked the community to volunteer their time on election day. They are in desperate need of Spanish speaking interpreters. It is paid training and a paid position. She left a flyer with Council. For those that can't make it in person, they have a Zoom link on their website at www.lehighcounty.org.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if it is a age limit to becoming a poll worker. Do you have to be a US citizen. She asked if they are working with other organizations or colleges. She asked if they reached out to LCCC.

Ms. Diane Cordian stated that he have to be at least 18 years old. They make accommodations on 16 and 17 years old. She stated yes, you do. She stated that they are working with whomever wants to work with them. She stated that they reached out to LCCC.

Mr. Antonio (sp), 915 E. Hamilton Street, stated that he lived on the quarter mile strip. A car drives by, it is like a race track. For the past few years, he had incidents of four total lost cars parked outside after midnight. There is a stop sign where Irving meets Hamilton and it is useless. There are 12 kids on the block. They need supervision. On January 7, the first snowstorm he got his car hit again. It is not a total loss. It is not drivable anymore. He talked to his neighbors and a speed bump is needed.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked what street. You stated between Irving and what?

Mr. Antonio (sp) stated E Hamilton and Irving and Jane.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he will contact Traffic Engineering and they do a speed study. It will determine if they will put speed bumps there. He stated if you can give your phone number to Mr. Hanlon he will stay in touch with him.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge Mr. Phil Armstrong. He is the County Executive.

Mr. Phil Armstrong thanked Council and congratulated the new people on Council and the new Mayor. He stated to Ms. Affa that sweater vests are coming back. He thinks that they relationship between the Lehigh County and the city of Allentown has been excellent and he sees it getting better in the next four years. They had several meetings and programs. Chief Roca has been outstanding. He is very proud of his Election Board. Employment Opportunities are great. People to fill those are not. The Rescue Funding and the Cares funding has done very well with the city of Allentown and the School District of Allentown. He is proud to be partners with them.

Mr. Joshua Siegel asked what is the going rate for a poll worker. What do we offer them? Is it a statutory rate held by the state or the county has full discretion of the compensation.

Ms. Diane Cordian stated right now, it depends. If you do everything, the base pay is \$180. If they work outside the city of Allentown, they get mileage. You don't have to report that and no taxes are taken out. You have the majority inspectors and minority inspectors get paid \$165. Interpreters and Clerks get paid \$165. The poll workers did get a raise of

\$30.

Mr. Phil Armstrong stated that they added to encouraged. The county will be able to pay by card.

Ms. Diane Cordian stated that they pay for training.

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

Contract Approvals

[15-4827](#)

R2

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Michael Baker International for \$3,995 to prepare a conceptual landscape plan for improvements for the pocket park at 2nd Street and Hamilton Street. This quote was below purchasing requirements and therefore only one (1) quote was necessary.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R2 Michael Baker Int](#)
[Resolution #30360](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that the is to prepare a conceptual landscape plan showing the anticipated improvement for the pocket park on Second Street and Hamilton Street. The quote provided by Michael Baker International is below the Purchasing threshold requirement and only one quote is needed. The cost of the contract is \$3,995. The city has successfully done business with this vendor before.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked what are they planning to do to this little park. She stated that she knows there was a whole thing with Omega Radio Station, but can you please explain what the intention.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated when they did the site visit with Omega Radio Station, Mr. Guridy and Mayor Tuerk. They planned to upgrade with benches and sprucing up the park. They would like to put up some fencing and an area where storm water runoff goes into the park. The water will wash away whatever the city does there. The request was to place grass to make it more green. Michael Baker is looking on how to potential alleviate that problem and handicap capability. The pineapple area the bricks are a little bit higher. They did a full view of the park and she asked if Michael baker can come up with a true and proper landscape plan.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if she could work with Omega Radio Station. The community is very interested.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that is exactly the intent. Work with the community, the Planning Department and the Parks Department to engage community input with the eventual work done at the park. The parks needs improvement.

Ms. Cynthia Mota 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

Enactment No: 30360

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-4802](#) December 15, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [December 15, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

[15-4820](#) January 3, 2022 City Council Organizational Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [January 3, 2022 City Council Organizational Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Communications: NONE

Old Business: NONE

REPORTS

Note from President Mota: A Special Committee has been set up consisting of the Chair of Budget and Finance who will also act as Chair of this committee, Councilperson Hendricks, and myself to work with the administration on selecting a new auditor pursuant to the Home Rule Charter.

Committee Reports:**Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Santos**

The Committee met this evening; the next regularly scheduled meeting is on January 26th, time to be determined. The agenda will include the monthly financials and a review of responsible contractor legislation, with the intent to introduced formal legislation on February 2nd, taking into considerations comments from the Administration and the committee.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Gerlach, Siegel, Mota

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next committee meeting is scheduled for February 9th, time to be determined; the committee will be discussing legislation that is being proposed and programs that provide for affordable housing in the event government funding is involved in the development project.

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.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Affa, Gerlach, Santos

The Committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Zucal, Affa

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

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Hendricks

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for February 2 at 6 PM.

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**Mayor's Report**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that the period was punctuated by Detective Stanko and the sadness it was felt in our entire city. Mr. Zucal mentioned the importance of family and the importance of family to Detective Stanko. The city of Allentown was in part Detective Stanko's family. The kids here in the city were Jim's kids in a way. They meant a lot to him and you could see when you talked to him. You knew right off the back what kind of guy he was when you met him and he was appreciated. He is going to be sorely missed. He thanked PPL who lit the Tower blue last night in recognition of Detective Stanko and for the Allentown School District for lighting William Allen High School blue in memory of Detective Stanko. He did forward arrangement for Detective Stanko's memorial to Council. He encouraged them to attend the services. He reported that Chief Roca and his team at the Allentown Police Department are working toward a Memorial Services/Activities that could be done here in the city of Allentown to allow our community to participate in a memorial to a great cop. He will be missed. During these past couple of weeks since we took office, the Director of Public Works Messinger promised him that they were only going to have three inches of snow on each occasion. He would have hoped that he promised three inches of snow once a month, but apparently we are getting three inches of snow once a week. He thanked the team at Public Works and the team at the Parks Department for doing an incredibly good job clearly streets, being responsive to our neighbors problems when the streets were not cleared to their satisfaction. They are doing a really fantastic job and they deserve some credit for putting in a valiant effort. There has been a delay in collecting trash and recycling due to our Waste Hauling Contractor. The city is aggressively pursuing accountability on the contract with that Waste Hauler to ensure that our residents trash is collected per the agreement we have with that waste hauler. Weather conditions made it more difficult for them to perform per the contract as well as related to COVID. We are insistent that they perform to the contract. He gave credit the Planning department, Recreation team and the Allentown Police Department for making the concerted effort to show up a community meetings. They have seen tremendous growth at community meetings in attendance. He thanked Mr. Glazier for the excellent report and an opportunity to talk about our communications. The city's website is

receiving piecemeal upgrades. As they go along and find deficiencies. They recently improved the interface for our citizens to report Sweep Violations and Street Complaints. He stated that they will find that right now on the front page of the city's website. They will continue to make improvements. They will take a look at the Controller's Page and see what kinds of improvements we can make there. Communications has also helped them communicate the importance of fire safety. We are grateful for Chief Agosto for appearing on Omega and being able to communicate with our Spanish Speaking Community about the importance of fire safety particularly in the shadow of the devastation that was felt in New York and Philadelphia as a result of incredibly tragic fires. We know that we can avoid it with our residents help. He stated that there were concerns about the outcome of Zion's Church. He did reach out and the group there advise him to direct any inquiries to that history related to the future uses of the church. Obviously, we want to see preservation of the building itself. He stated that they would love to see a new congregation occupying that church to preserve that use on Hamilton Street. He talked about Admin, HR, IT, and the Finance group. One thing that he found coming into the city is that there are fantastic people who are doing great work. Controller Glazier's Report shows the need for improvement and everyone he has spoken with is absolutely on board for improvement. This is where the investment from management needs to occur in helping that group of people. Councilman Siegel talked about ways wages need to be competitive. We need to remain competitive as a workplace here in the city of Allentown to bring the best talent to our city administration and ensure this is a true excellent place to work and that our administration is making everything as easy as possible for our citizens to engage. His first week was spend meeting with lots of partners that have that have not seen lots of attention from our city's administration. They expected that they really need. His first day on the job, he sat down with Allentown School District Superintendent John Stanford. They had a very productive conversation. The plan is for them to meet on a regular basis to make sure we are taking care of each other's needs and serve the most critical population here in the city of Allentown which are our youth which are our future. He also met with County Executive Phil Armstrong and will meet regularly. You just heard from Public Works a meeting from our friends at the Allentown Parking Authority. Obviously, the Parking Authority is a major issue for us and our residents. We at the city administration sat down with various different department heads and the Parking Authority to talk through some of the issues that our residents are experiencing. We have a plan to serve our residents. He did a pitch for next week. The mayor's responsibility is to inform Council of the general and financial condition of the of the city on an annual basis in January. We have worked with the Allentown Chamber of the Greater Lehigh County Chamber Commerce to produce a free event next Wednesday, January 26 at 11:30

AM at the Renaissance at Seventh and Hamilton. He stated that it would feature a presentation by him o the state of our city. The general and financial condition of the city, followed by a Q&A session. It was originally intended to be accompanied by lunch, but upon guidance from our excellent Allentown Health Bureau, we are going to postpone the lunch portion and allow interesting parties to partake in the many Allentown Hamilton Street restaurants for take out ideally.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Mayor Tuerk because she saw his door was opened. it is very inviting. That says a lot. We had our first snow and everything went smoothly. She stated that she knows he was out there. She would like to ask when he is taking his selfies and speaking to people, please don't tag her because she had to get up the next day at 6:00 AM to do the same thing and help a neighbor. It was awesome. Thank you for doing that. The change starts with us and when you do your life and tell the community go out if you can and help a neighbor. That says a lot.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated when you are helping clear the sidewalks, you are helping not just the people that have to get to school and people using our sidewalks, but there is a very important community in Allentown that we have not heard earlier, the disabled community that has mobility issues. Clearing those sidewalks permits them to travel safely through the city of Allentown. It is really your civic duty to help out where you can. He stated that they are excited about the momentum in the city.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it is very positive. When you do that live and tell people to do certain things which is positive and everyone will benefit. People just want to go out and help. Thank you for that. She asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

[15-4846](#)

Controller Reports

Attachments: [AP Letter](#)
[Accts Payable Weekly Check Review - Dec 20 Report](#)
[Accts Payable Check Review - Jan 6 Report](#)
[Accts Payable Check Review - Dec 20 Report](#)
[Accts Payable Weekly Review](#)
[Accts Rec 10G CD](#)
[AP Letter Jan 6](#)
[Bank Rec - August](#)
[Bank Rec - Letter](#)
[Bank Rec Letter - Sept 30](#)
[Bank Rec - to 9.30](#)
[Cash Count - Revenue Audit Letter](#)
[Cash Count Revenue and Audit](#)
[PCard R4 - Cover Letter](#)
[PCard Review - Oct](#)
[PCard Review - Sept](#)
[Petty Cash Review - Treasury - Jan 6 Report](#)
[Petty Cash Review](#)
[Cover Letter - CD 10G](#)
[Cover Letter PC Sept](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-4748](#) Bill 119 Public Works, this evening
Providing for the vacation of Chestnut Street from the centerline of North Race Street to the West right of way line of the American Parkway in the First Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 119 Chestnut Street - Street Vacation](#)
[Chestnut Staff Report](#)
[Planning Staff Report Vacation Chestnut Street from American Parkway to Race Street](#)
[ACPC Action - Chestnut Street from American Parkway to Race Street](#)
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding Chestnut Street Vacation petition Review LVPC 10292021](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Chestnut Street from American Parkway to Race Street](#)
[Chestnut Street - Street Vacation Labels](#)
[Ordinance #15777](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was discussed tonight at the Public Works Meeting and it was sent favorably 3 - 0 to Council.

Ms. Cynthia Mota 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

Enactment No: 15777

[15-4742](#)

Bill 120 Public Works, this evening
Amending the Article 531.11, Parking Prohibited at Handicapped Area, by creating a provision that at the request of any handicapped person or severely disabled veteran for whom a handicap sign has been erected pursuant to this ordinance, the Allentown Parking Authority may issue to that person a numbered handicap permit and the handicap sign shall be numbered to correspond with the permit. The numbered space may only be occupied by the vehicle bearing the corresponding numbered permit. The Allentown Parking Authority shall erect a sign on or near the handicap sign indicating the restricted nature of the handicap parking space and providing for a penalty for unauthorized parking at a marked handicapped spot.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Mr. Zucal and Guridy

Attachments: [Bill 120 Handicap Spot](#)

This Ordinance was tabled.

[15-4780](#)

Bill 124 Parks and Recreation, this evening
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents. (\$119,793.69) from the unappropriated balance of the 2021 General Fund to the 2021 Capital Fund as required by Trexler Trust Agreement.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 124 General Fund Capital Match](#)
[Ordinance #15778](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated that we had a meeting this evening and was voted favorably to go to Council by a 3 - 0 vote.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if we have 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

Enactment No: 15778

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

Mr. Tom Hahn asked on Item #4. Is that city owned property or privately owned.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that they are private properties.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that the city use Certificates of Appropriateness meaning that we approve whatever changes they wish to make to that respective property.

Mr. Tom Hahn stated not city owned properties.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated not city owned properties.

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

[15-4815](#)

R3
Sewage Planning Module at Sheetz, Inc.

Attachments: [R3 Sheetz, Inc. - Sewage Planning Module](#)

[Sewage Planning Module - Sheetz](#)

[Resolution #30361](#)

[Signed Sewage Planning Documents for Allentown Sheetz - Resolution #30361](#)

Enactment No: 30361

[15-4826](#)

R4
Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:

- 31 N. 9th St. • 443 N 9th
- 809-811 W. Gordon • 1116 W. Linden

Attachments: [R4 HARB Resolution January 19](#)[31 N 12th Final Review](#)[443 N 8th Final Review](#)[809-811 N 9th Final Review](#)[1116 W Linden Final Review](#)[Resolution #30362](#)

Enactment No: 30362

[15-4789](#)

R5

Alex Encelewski, HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD -
HARB (Reappointment) Term Expiration: 01/07/2025**Attachments:** [R5 Alex Encelewski - HARB](#)[Alex Encelewski Request for Appointment HARB](#)[Alex Encelewski Resume HARB](#)[Resolution #30363](#)

Enactment No: 30363

[15-4835](#)

R6

Heidi Westerman, Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Board of
Appeals Appointment, 08/05/2024 (Replacing William Harvey)**Attachments:** [R6 Heidi Westerman - Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Board
of Appeals](#)[Heidi Westerman - Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Board of
Appeals](#)[Heidi Westerman - Resume](#)[Resolution #30364](#)

Enactment No: 30364

[15-4836](#)

R7

Candida Affa, Nuisance Abatement Appeal Board, 12/31/2024
(reappointment)**Attachments:** [R7 Candida Affa - Nuisance Abatement Appeal Board](#)[Resolution #30365](#)

Enactment No: 30365

[15-4837](#)

R8

Candida Affa - Vacant Property Review Board/Blighted Property Review
Committee, 12/31/2023 (reappointment)**Attachments:** [R8 Candida Affa - Vacant Property Review Board Blighted Property
Review Committee](#)[Resolution #30366](#)

Enactment No: 30366

[15-4823](#)

R9

Authorizes Disposition of Certain Records

Attachments: [R9 RECORDS RETENTION 2022](#)

[Resolution #30367](#)

Enactment No: 30367

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-4828](#)

R10

Approves five transfers: (1) \$33,860.00 in Finance Director to complete a cost allocation and user fee study as approved by RFP committee; (2) \$11,303.36 in Recycling & Solid Waste to correct negative balance in the Permanent Wage Account; (3) \$7,379.13 in Traffic Department to correct negative balance in the Premium Pay Account; (4) \$6,475.00 in Finance for removing the asbestos in the Finance Suite it was determined that it also needed to be removed from the ceiling in the Director's Office.(5) \$5,419.55 in Streets Department to correct negative balance in the Premium Pay Account.

Attachments: [R10 Transfer Funds](#)

[Correct Negative Balance in the Permanent Wage Account -](#)

[Recycling & Solid Waste](#)

[Correct Negative Balance in the Premium Pay Account - Traffic](#)

[Department](#)

[Correct Negative Balance in the Premium Pay Account - Streets](#)

[Department](#)

[Asbestos Removal in Finance Suite and Director's office Ceiling](#)

[Complete a Cost Allocation and User Fee Study](#)

[Resolution #30368](#)

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

Enactment No: 30368

[15-4830](#)

R11

Requirement for establishing accounts Section 108 Loan Application for the Da Vinci Science Center

Attachments: [R11 DA VINCI 108 LOAN](#)[Ordinance #15681](#)[Resolution #30205](#)[Resolution #30153](#)[Resolution #30369](#)

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

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if the HUD 108 Loan have that Section 3 requirements as other HUD things have.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated yes, it does.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated OK, cool. Thank you.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any other questions from the dais or the public. She asked if Mr. Lightner would like to explain a little bit.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that what this is and again, they had the Resolution come forward to apply to the 108 Loan. What this Resolution is doing is allowing us to receive the funds and establish the accounts for the 108 Loan. That is what this Resolution is for establishing the funds.

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: 30369

[15-4843](#)

R12

Authorizes the Administration to Execute All Documents Necessary to Accomplish the Closing on the HUD 108 Loan for the Da Vinci Science Center in the Amount of \$5,605,000

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R12 Authorizing Mayor to Execute Documents to Close on HUD Loan for Da Vinci Resolution #30370](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota 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

Enactment No: 30370

[15-4838](#)

R13

Recommends Establishing a Committee to Review Bringing the Fleet Service Repairs Back Under the Control of the City.

Sponsors: Mr. Zucal and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [R13 Fleet Maintenance Resolution](#)
[Resolution #30371](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that before he gets into the explanation, the last part of the Resolution where it says that it was a contractual agreement made on September 20th and any amended agreement made. He wants to make a motion to amend that.

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

Mr. Charles Smith stated that Mr. Zucal wants to make clear that he is objecting to the eight (8) percent increase that was part of the contract. He is not asking that the contract in its entirety be voided. He is narrowing the language that is in the Resolution. What he is objecting to that there was an eight percent increase added to the contract.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that is correct.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked Mr. Smith what will be the practical impact of this Resolution.

Mr. Charles Smith stated that the Resolution has two parts. The first is the formation of a committee to explore what is the appropriate path to move forward to deal with the Fleet Services. Part of that is exploring the feasibility and whether or not it should be brought in house. These are some of the things that we debated over the meetings. The second piece is that Mr. Zucal wants Council to void the eight percent increase. He will reserve comments on that because he believes Mr. Zucal is going to pose a question on whether or not Council can do that.

Ms. Candida Affa asked how are they going to do this. Take the eight percent away.

Mr. Charles Smith stated he was uncomfortable about the last part of the resolution because it seeks to void action taken by the administration in a Resolution to City Council. If you look at and we need to see what type of Resolution passed concerning the granting of the original contract and what the authority was in as well as the language in the agreement to see whether or not the mayor had authority to add that a percentage increase.

What Mr. Zucal is saying that the mayor exceeding his authority. He cautioned that for City Council they should frame it on whether or not the mayor exceeded his authority. He stated that it is not good form to necessarily start forming actions taken by the administration in its entirety. If the mayor has authority to do something, they granted that authority or he has authority under 308 to do something and he has done it. It is not good for Council to second guess it. That is why Mr. Zucal point is well taken that he is limiting what he is objecting to. We have to get our hands around the earlier Resolutions that you passed because his understanding is what year are they into this Fleet Services Agreement.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that technically the city is in the second year or a third year agreement.

Mr. Charles Smith stated that this was brought before Council for some type of Resolution under the contract section that you approved this agreement.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that the Motion is part of the 2nd Amendment that was agreed upon on December 29. It says that in consideration that they will be granted eight percent more in 2021. They were given eight percent.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he is sort of reading it like this: In the last Be It Resolved there was a contractual agreement made September 2021. In the amended agreement on December 29, 2021 is null and void in regards to the eight percent increase for wages, labor, parts and supplies.

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

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker stated that this case presents a really interesting problem. If you think about the contract, what a mayor, not this one any mayor that comes along. You would ask for the most in length about the contract. Would a mayor, not just one, but any mayor that comes along would ask for the most lengthiest contract possible and do whatever you want. Every year you would make an amendment. If I had a 15 year contract, he would say this contract was approved in the 29th day of December which is a little odd, but we know why. Council has to do something. If you are going to amend something, they have to come back to you. You can't let this number go out there and say do whatever you want. They should come back to Council for these approvals of these amendments. What is the cost to the city's taxpayers.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Hunsicker for his comments.

Mr. Tom Hahn stated that he would like somebody on Council to explain to him how they got there step by step to eliminate the rumor of somebody trying to cancel the contract and have Prince George take over. When it doesn't work, then the contract was cancelled and then they got an override. That was at a Council meeting when someone threatened to retire if they did not do it and ask for a special meeting to change it. Somebody has to explain to him how that happened. Who is it going to be. If we can't get the truth, we have to subpoena the people under oath to tell the truth of what happened to bring it to the cost of the taxpayers. When is the truth going to be told on what is going on in that department.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that Mr. Hahn's three minutes is up and asked Mayor Tuerk if he was going to say something.

Mayor Matt Tuerk offered that before Council is an amendment to the language of the Resolution and he after they make that amendment he has some comments regarding the Resolution in its totality or with change language. He thinks in discussion with his team they are eager to evaluate the feasibility of our returning garage Fleet Management Services to the city of Allentown. They are eager to do that with the full participation of the administration. They would like to bring in a third party to take a look to offer unbiased opinions. He does not know the cost that is associated with it. It is something you have to do independent of Council's creation of a special committee to that. We welcome the participation particularly with the Budget and Finance Committee. That is the appropriate place to review all and all financial matters. With that said, it would be encumbered upon us and imperative that we deliver a report to Council and our own administration prior to the preparation to a 2023 Budget. If in fact, the finding of this study were to recommend the course of action to bring those Fleet Services back into house, we would have to make preparations for that in the 2023 budget year knowing that the existing contract expires at the end of 2023. Whatever we do in regards to those services or whatever we continue to contract them out or whether we determine to bring them in-house. We have to be prepared to budget for those activities in the 2023 budget. There is a consideration that the garage itself is currently operating. We need to keep that garage operating. When the previous administration amended the existing contract to add the additional eight percent that was in an eye increasing costs. Mr. Siegel mentioned in his previous statement relating to poll workers that we have to work towards making sure wages were competitive. He believes one of the things that pushed the additional cost of eight percent and may have been an eye popper for Mr. Zucal was the labor situation that we find ourselves in right now. He stated that he knows Mr. Messinger, the Director of Public Works appear before Council at some point in 2021 and presented some data on the ongoing operations of the garage. Things change pretty substantially

from May of 2021. The world changes radically from that time. Inflation and wage presser have radically altered the landscape. He stated that he can speak to our city's ability to hire an electrician recently after years of looking. By pure change, by luck, it has been tough to find labor of any kind. That has been part of the position that the garage has found itself. He recommended what Council could do if they want to amend the Resolution or vote on it as is. He stated that they as the administration plans to report to Council with the assistance of outside services on the feasibility of returning those garage services to the city of Allentown prior to the development of the 2022 budget. He stated that they need to continue to operate. One thing he started. For his Mayor's Report, he wants to talk about the fantastic job people did during the storm, not just clearing the streets, but our EMS Services, but our police and fire departments did. We need to make sure our fleet is continuing to roll. His belief is if Council chose to nullify the provisions of that amendment, it would leave us with our pants down. We would not be able to deal with that next snowstorm. Although, the amount would seem to be high on the face of it, it is totally consistent with the operating environment that we find ourselves in the beginning of 2022.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he would just comment on the fact that number 13 on the Resolution includes hiring a consultant. That is already established here.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked any questions from the dais.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she agrees with the Mayor. A study is something that we should do. This is a very crucial time on making this decision. It is a very crucial decision and having a study done is the way to go. She stated that she does not want to put the city's fleet in any kind of danger, especially during the winter or the snowstorms or ice storms to compromise the work that can be done. If we can get an outside consultant to come in and do a study, we have time to do it and we need to have a committee, listen to all the facts, and listen to the unions and the administration. We need to take our time and really work on it.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated not a ton. We have to go out and contract the services and deliver a Report prior to the development of the budget. It is priority for our administration and a significant cost and important activity to maintain ongoing operations in the city of Allentown.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she is all in favor of a study. If we are going to have to make a crucial fill on it and it is something that they have to vote on that is this crucial. She stated that she is all in favor of the study.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she is also in favor of a study. They need a third party that will give an unbiased solution. Again, she is concerned about the taxpayers and the maintenance of the vehicles, Firefighters, Police, the Parks Department and Public Works. We use those vehicles really hard. We have to make sure it is cost effective and we have services for our vehicles.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he indicated earlier and share the concern. His primary concern is making sure while they are evaluate the feasibility and the financial cost associated with bringing the garage back in house from an independent and impartial source and provide a realistic and honest assessment. He thinks he shares Mr. Zucal frustration. Many of us realize that Centerra and been less than reliable management service for our garage. They utterly failed to provide the quality of services that our taxpayers are owed and the frustration and anger is that you don't reward terrible work with an increase in contractual money. His primary concern is making sure that our garage workers and our maintenance workers are getting paid the money and getting paid competitive wages that allow us to retain them in a time that we are moving and transitioning to in-house management of our vehicles. This is a Resolution, we would need an ordinance or an actual legal act to amend this. Today, this is Council sort of expressing in a formal manner the frustration with the status of the current contract and not an immediate means of getting rid of the eight percent. It is unfortunate that we are in this spot. He had a productive conversation with the administration this weekend. He and Mr. Zucal added the final part to this resolution which speaks to the need of a request for proposal. He wants to make sure they are making meaningful stride forward for organized labor and for our city employees. The most responsible thing to do is work with the administration. Taking the energy and putting the investment in and making sure we do right by our residents and our employees. He remains committed to and standing by the act of bringing it in-house.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that a minor note of clarification that the company is now referred to as Constellis, no longer Centerra. While he does suggest Council defeat the Resolution, he wants to also thank Council for the push. We can get busy drafting the RFP this week. This is something to get started on in order to prepare for the 2023 budget.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it seems to him that the majority of Council are in favor of this Feasibility Study and forming a committee. What he is not clear on is can they legally void the eight percent. He stated to Mr. Siegel that he prefers to keep it in there.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that his primary concern is if they can maintain

quality talent and maintain quality of service while they pursue the Feasibility Study. If the eight percent is going to do that, he does not want to punish the workers and the garage workers. He stated that he does not care about Constellis. He does not care about them as a company. They have done a terrible job, but he wants to make sure the workers get a fair shake.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he is hearing from the Solicitor is that they may not be able to take that action.

Mr. Charles Smith stated that his concern will be if there were any Resolutions of Council under 130.16 Contracts and see what those Resolutions say. Also, look at the terms of the actual contract itself. His comment is that it is just a more of an over-arching comment about Council voiding contracts that are signed by the administration. He thinks that perhaps you have the right to certainly say that they exceeded the authority granted under the local governing documents. The point that he does not like is to say that they are do we have the authority to void something that was done by the Mayor. We have to do it more analytically. He is happy to do that and work with the Law Department to try to sort through how we got here.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Mr. Zucal since it is his Resolution would you be amenable to push this forward to a committee.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated no. He has things that he wants to discuss to show how we got to December 29th. The is the whole purpose of his Resolution. Was the action that was done to get us there.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that he already spoke, let's vote.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that the reason he came up with this Resolution is not to beat a dead horse from December 15 meeting. It was made very clear that Centerra was still under obligation to provide services to us to the end of 2023 based on the amendment that the former Mayor signed back in September of 2020. He stated that he filed two Right to Knows. One was to get and he was told that there was no Contract. On page 27, it says the contract with King George if approved would be starting on January 1, 2022. Mr. Kloiber twice, when questioned by Mr. Guridy steps would be taking to cease the contract with Centerra. He will pay for a polygraph if anybody wants to take one and the RFP and was told that there was no contract. He did get a copy of the RFP which consisted of 189 pages. On

page 27, of that 189, it said that this contract with King George contract if approved would be starting on January 1, 2022. Now, Mr. Kloiber twice when questioned by Mr. Guridy said are we going to have two contracts, the answer was no. His exact words were steps will be taken and twice he said this and you can look at the video to cease the contract with Centerra. It is his guess and he will pay for a polygraph of anyone that wants to take one that Centerra was told and it was already decided that King George was going to get that contract and it backfired. He stated that what happened was he had a conversation with that mayor on January 18th expressing to him and he expressed that he had a conversation with Mr. Messinger the day before that Mr. Messinger will work with Centerra to keep them. When you do that to somebody, you are going to pay to keep them. What happened on December 29th an agreement had to be made to give them an eight percent increase to keep them. They tried to screw with Centerra, and Centerra fought back.

Mr. Tom Hahn asked Council to hear him out with the remaining time that he had since he tried to stay under the three minutes. If we are going to hire people at the lowest wages we can, how far back in the city's Charter we go that we have volunteer firemen and have rent-a-cops to run the department. Why isn't a mechanic as important as anybody else. Why isn't somebody's salary equal to somebody else, but the expertise that they have. He can't see the rationale when this thing has been going on for two years. Somebody has to have common sense and realize something is going on and the direction we are going.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that we still have to vote on the Resolution in regards to the eight percent. He stated to Mr. O'Neill that his signature is on the December 29th one. He asked him how much does that eight percent amount to for the entire year of 2022 and possibly 2023 as well.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated if he is not mistaken, the eight percent and the two percent that have been discussed are above the 2021 rate. That amount was budgeted for \$2.4 million. If we are just taken 10 percent of that, it would be \$250,000.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked how was the eight percent arrived at. Why not six, five, or nine?

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated that he was not involved in the negotiations. If you look at the 2022 budget, we should have that absorb within the appropriation in that 46 Account. It is very close. It is certainly covered in the 2022 budget.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was a budgeted expenditure that was not in

the time of the budget considered.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated that he would not completely state that because if you look at the increase between 2021 and 2022, there is clearly a cushion built in there. There is an increase from 2021 and 2022. They seem close to absorbing this. Of course, it is difficult when you are budgeting to anticipate variables like this. In the aggregate, the General Fund certainly in an appropriation that is close to this amount and if it is short it is, there are contingencies that will cover it. He stated that he thinks that they did an OK job of budgeting it. In a situation that had a lot of volatility.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that when you do prepare the budget, you prepare for increasing. While the amount that is budgeted for, may have been similar to ultimately what the amount it became in the increase contract. He stated that he does not think that there is any alignment there. When you prepare an annual budget, you expect the costs are going to go up. They knew there would be increase costs associated with the garage management.

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

Mr. Ryan Hunsicker, SEIU Chapter Leader, stated that they are here again discussing Centerra. He stated that he hopes everyone is prepared. That Fleet is in terrible condition. You have fire trucks down on a constant basis. He stated that he just hopes by you guys voting the way you vote you take in consideration of the city. One snowstorm, one big one and you are done. We have 12 trucks down. Where are they are? Where are they sitting? At dealers waiting to get fixed. What are we going to do? We are at bare bones. We are at the point that we will have more employees than we have vehicles to put them in. He guaranteed them if they get a winter like last year, they are done. The city would be paralyzed. He invited them to walk into the garage and see what is over there and what is down. There are two fire trucks that are down. We have police cars that are down, ambulances and multiple plow trucks.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that there are two aerials down and we have one left. If there is a major fire in this city that is a high-rise, they are going to hope that volunteer fire companies are going to help them.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that when we voted on this, we had an opportunity to go with King Goer.ge We knew Centerra was bad. The only two that voted for King George was she and Ms. Mota. She doesn't understand why her colleagues voted and not getting King George, we were going to keep Centerra. She for one understands how bad they are. She doesn't understand for the life of her why they didn't approve that contract and give

these guys a chance. Instead we stayed with Centerra and now we are upset because we stayed with Centerra. Why didn't we go to King George.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he stands by Mr. Zucal's words because he believes and not casting disparages to this administration. The way we got here because it was poor condition, terrible management from a private sector standpoint and a public sector standpoint. He thought there were expectations on how Council would act and when we didn't everything fell apart. He believes Mr. Zucal is right in his assessment. The contract with Constellis was prematurely ended or intended to be ended with the expectation that Council would act the way they thought they would. When we didn't, the only way we could bring them back is offer them a sweetener. It has put them as legislators in an unfortunate position. From the conversations that he had with the new administration that will be different. This administration is committed to transparency. They will not allow that communication breakdown to happen which is a good thing moving forward. The reason why he did not want to go with King George is the only way believes to get quality service is to keep it in-house and have it run by the city. He is tired of privatizing public service with a profit margin built in. We exist as a municipality to provide pure public services. We exist as a city to make sure our taxpayers get the best possible services for the dollars that they pay and that can be guaranteed best when it is done without profit in mind. When it is done with service in mind. He stated that he does not trust private companies to look for our taxpayers or our residents. They don't care. They are here to make money. They are not here to make sure that the streets gets plowed on time or the fire trucks are out on the streets putting out fires or the police cars have functioning brakes so they can stop on time or make sure that they can actually drive appropriately. The reason he was not going to go with it is because it is not principled at hand. It does not put the garage back in our hands. We were never given the due diligence as Council to make an educated and informed decision. We were told, here is one private maintenance company you can go with and that is it. Make a decision tonight. We were never given an honest, independent, impartial analysis. How can they as legislators and leaders make informed decisions when one side is presented to us and the other one is well here is where we think to bring it in house. It is an in-house assessment. That is not fair to us. He stated that he cannot make an informed decision unless he has two independent analysis. We did not have that.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that the point is we had the opportunity. We knew we couldn't go in-house immediately. We had to have a study. We decided not to go with King George and go with a company we knew that is terrible. Instead of going with them, we had 60 days to get out that contract and to study and have a committee. We had time to consider

whether going in-house or not. We could get the figures from the union or the administration.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he is not going to sign a three year contract with a new Fleet Management Company because his intention is to bring it back in-house. He is not signing a three year contract that he eventually want to get rid of. We have one year left. Why would they sign a three year with King George if the intentionality behind us is to look at breaking that contract. He stated that he does not honor commitments that he intends to break. We were told back in May that we were getting to a crisis level. We made it known in May that we wanted independent means to get it done. We were mistreated and poorly informed.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Siegel and stated that the point is well taken.

Mr. Tino Babayan, East Side, stated that he does not speak a lot, but with the situation he is listening to it and with all due respect to the new administration. Is anybody overseeing this company? Is Public Works going there saying this is the truck they need today. Is anybody doing that?

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that in the spirit of transparency, he sat on a call with his Director of Public Works and the Garage Manager and they discussed the position of the aerals and watched the management being performed. He offered with them is part of the challenge of keeping up with their vehicles on the road is a supply chain challenge. There is a host of factors that are beyond the control of Constellis even if it is appropriately managed. He has the utmost faith and trust in the ability of Mr. Messinger to manage the function. He stated that he is keeping it rolling right now. He is keeping it rolling in terrible circumstances. There are sick outs related to Covid from our own staff and sick outs related to Covid in the garage. It might not be an excuse sir, but it is a reality. He holds the Waste Manager to a high standard with regards to their collection of trash and he hold Constellis to a high standard that they are keeping our vehicles on the road. Mr. Messinger is doing a real good job of that. The goal is it is theoretical. At the moment, the trucks are out there. We are doing the best that we can in dire circumstances. To credit the managerial ability of the Director of Public Works, Craig Messinger.

Mr. Tino Babayan asked Mr. Zucal if he had proof about all the contract stuff, if he was on Council he would start asking questions of why that happened. It seems like it is corruption and we don't want that again.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that is a big word. This is a new administration and this is a new era.

Mr. Tino Babayan stated that cops were complaining in the summer that it is hot and they don't have SUVs. He sees himself, 13 SUVs sitting there and asked Officer Schmitt why and he said that they cannot get to them and out to them. It is sad when you see all those vehicles just sitting there. Somebody should go up there. The east side never been cleaned when it snowed. This is the first time it was clean. He stated that he put his hat out for him because nobody did it. He stated that last year, he paid \$2,000 to clean snow because our city would not come up and clean snow and he still has the receipts. We need to get on top of this company. There are a lot of vehicles there.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Babayan for his comment.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that Mayor Tuerk's heart is in the right place and the city is on the right path. Let's group together to get some meetings. Unfortunately, we have to deal with what we have to deal with now until we get to a different point. He is not condemning anybody, he is just saying that some things are not kosher on where we got on the December 29th meeting.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that they are ready to vote.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that the amendment failed. The entire Resolution recommends establishing a Committee to review bringing the Fleet Service Repairs back under the control of the City and suggesting the Contractor Agreement be null and void.

Mr. Charles Smith read the Resolution, Being Resolved as written, there was a contractual agreement made on September 2020. Any amended agreement made on December 29, 2021 shall be null and void. What Mr. Zucal was attempting to do through his amendment is to say that he is not looking to make the extension of December 29, 2021 null and void in its entirety. He is trying to void the eight percent increase. That amendment failed. Now, we are back to if you vote Yae, then you are voting that the December 29, 2021 contract shall be null and void.

A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Joshua Siegel, that this Resolution be amended to add the following section to the end of the last statement and to read as follows: BE IT RESOLVED THAT since, there was a contractual agreement made in September 2020 any amended agreement made on December 29, 2021 shall be null and void in regard to the 8% increase for labor, parts and supplies. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Ed Zucal

No: 6 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Joshua Siegel, and Natalie Santos

Enactment No: 30371

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that the ask from the administration is that you vote no on this and the administration is commented to working in the bounds or suggested within the Resolution. Working with a committee, working with an independent consultant to deliver a report to you.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked Mayor Tuerk to repeat it.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that the administration is asking Council to vote no on this Resolution because it includes the provision to make it null in void. You don't need the Resolution to do it, we are committed to do it for you.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if he is committed to pay for it.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated yes.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked Mr. Smith to explain it.

Mr. Charles Smith stated what that does is if we think of this Resolution as having two pieces, the first piece being that City Council establishes a committee to review bringing the fleet services back in-house and it forms a committee to draft an RFP to establish the cost and feasibility of bringing that in-house. That would be Part I. Then there was a Part II that said and I want the action of the administration taken on December 29, 2021 which included the eight percent declared invalid in its entirety. Mr. Zucal is now saying if that is the offensive section, he moves that Council amends it and chop that out. Get rid of that second piece. You would be left with a Resolution that says that City Council recommends establishing a committee to review bringing the Fleet Service repairs back under the control of the City and members of the committee should include representatives from the administration, two Councilpersons, IAFF, SEIU, FOP leaders and the City Controller. Further that this committee once formed draft an RFP to establish a cost and feasibility of bringing the fleet maintenance services in-house to make a report to full Council no later than six months after their first meeting.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated what it gets down to, you may form a committee with that Resolution or we will form a committee as an administration and do it. It might be 6 - 1. If it is your committee, he assumes Council will be paying for it.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if Council know how much it will cost.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that if Council has to pay for it, we will pay for it. We have money in our account, don't we?

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if Council has enough money in the account.

A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Ce-Ce Gerlach, that this Resolution be amended to remove that last sentence of the Resolution which states Be It Resolved that since there was a contractual agreement in September 2020 in the amended agreement made on September 29, 2021 shall be null and void.. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 30371

Mr. Tom Hahn asked if they are resolving everybody that was involved with other participation. Somebody was involved in manipulating. He stated that he wants it exposed.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that Mr. Zucal already explained what was going on and that was his opinion.

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

Enactment No: 30371

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

[15-4834](#)

Bill 1 Public Safety, this evening
Amending the 2022 ARPA Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixteen (\$46,216) Dollars for the upfitting of two (2) new ambulances.

Attachments: [Bill 1 Ambulance uplift](#)
[Ordinance #15786](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15786

[15-4841](#)

Bill 2
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 13931, NOW TITLE NINE (SPECIAL DISTRICTS), ARTICLE 1393 (FLOOD CONTROL) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FLOODPLAIN AREAS IN THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN; REGULATING USES, ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENT; ESTABLISHING PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR PERMITS, REGULATIONS, FEES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES

INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

Attachments: [Bill 2 FLOOD PLAIN CONTROL](#)

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

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15789

[15-4842](#)

Bill 3 Public Safety, this evening
Amending the 2022 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Sixty-Five Thousand (\$65,000) Dollars as a result from a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program to the Allentown Fire Department, Bureau of Emergency Management Services (EMS) to provide funds which will be utilized to purchase an all-terrain ambulance vehicle.

Attachments: [Bill 3 EMS ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE GRANT](#)
[Ordinance #15787](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15787

[15-4844](#)

Bill 4 HR, Admin and Appts, forwarded
Office of the Mayor Reorganization

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 4 Mayor's Office Reorg](#)
[Updated Job Descriptions](#)
[Mayor's Office Job Descriptions](#)
[Ordinance #15788](#)

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

REFERRED TO HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION, AND APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15788

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

[15-4833](#)

R14

Approves the Submission of an amendment to the 2021 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development – this is a regulatory step to allocate unspent funds from the federal HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) in the amount of \$50,000 for the HADC 418 Liberty Street Project

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R14 Action Plan Amendment - HADC 418 Liberty St.Y STREET](#)
[Resolution #30381](#)

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

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 30381

[15-4832](#)

R15

Approves the Submission of an amendment to the 2021 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development – this is a regulatory step to allocate unspent funds from the federal HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) in the amount of \$187,288 to Habitat for Humanity’s Tacoma Street Project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R15 Action Plan Amendment - Habitat Tacoma St.](#)
[Resolution #30382](#)

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

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 30382

[15-4831](#)

R16

Approves the Submission of an amendment to the 2021 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Traffic Signals – regulatory requirement to allocate unspent funds from the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) in the amount of \$550,000.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R16 Action Plan Amend - Traffic Signals](#)
[Resolution #30384](#)

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

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 30384

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 8:32 PM

[15-4437](#) Council Rules
Home Rule Charter
Contract Procedures

Attachments: [HOMERULE June 2021](#)
[Council Rules March 2021 Edition](#)
[Contract Procedures](#)