



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### Public Works Committee

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Wednesday, March 1, 2023

6:15 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Roll Call: Chair Zucal, Santos, Hendricks

[15-5606](#)

Bill 10 Public Works, this evening  
Providing that a section of Ann Street on the east side of Allentown between East Maple Street, South Albert Street, East Walnut Street and South Bradford Street, be called "John Snyder Way." This was initially introduced as a resolution, the committee had no issues changing the name of the street, which needs to be done by ordinance. There are no property owners impacted by the legislation. Public Works is fine with the change.

**Sponsors:** Hendricks, Mota and Mr. Zucal

**Attachments:** [Bill 10 Renaming the Street Surrounding Ann Street between East Maple, South Albert, East Walnut and South Bradford Streets John Snyder Way](#)  
[Dedicating City Assets](#)  
[John Snyder Way 1](#)

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that the Public Works Department was approached to do a street dedication in memory of Mr. John Snyder. Engineering reviewed the request and Public Works has no objections.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any objections from the neighbors of any kind.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that is correct.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any questions from his committee.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this roadway that is being renamed has no addresses or no residential or commercial buildings.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that there would not be any change of address required at the properties.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that was part of his concern.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any questions from the public.

**A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks, seconded by Natalie Santos, that this Ordinance be forwarded without recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos and Daryl Hendricks

## Updates

Mr. Mark Shahda talked about the Garage stating that the city is three months since they took over operations. He stated that he is here tonight to say how things are progressing. What they accomplished so far and what still needs to be done and staffing levels. He talked about bringing the garage in house in December 2022 was necessary and a much needed change because the level of service and costs. The number one goal is to provide better customer service. There was one position that remained vacant. Now there are 12 union and three management positions. They are able to maintain the PA inspection license. The state inspections were always outsourcing and emissions. They secured towing contract with Ross Towing. They are trying to finalize a contract for mechanical and body repair. They received 10 responses and they hoping to have this bid finalized shortly. They are looking for ways to streamline buying parts. Another open house will be held for vendors. He talked about getting quotes for a JPro Scanner to decrease costs. The scanner will check the diagnostics of the vehicles, troubleshoot issues and reduce downtime. The cost savings are doing state inspections and emissions in-house. The city will save \$25,000 annually by making a small investment. The 2023 budget was approved for \$5.15 million. Year to date, 37 percent of the budgeted amount. He talked about larger purchases or costs: Fuel, parts and repairs. He introduced the management team: Dan Steckel, Chris Bianco, and Justin Kahler. He gave a shoutout to all the city departments listed. With all the collaboration and hard work, they are able to have a successful transition within a 30-day period. He gave a shoutout to Ms. Gabrielle Heiney instrumental and making all this happen behind the scenes.

Mr. Ed Zucal thanked the team for doing the job that they are doing and stated that he would not have expected anything less than that. He asked if there were any comments from his committee members.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated job well done. Please continue the great work.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated that she did not have any comments at the moment.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker thanked Mr. Zucal for putting this on. A year or so you

had a committee formed and they are trying to get updates and updates. Finally, the city came through, you came through and Mr. Shahda came through. He stated that so far it is a half decent job that was not as difficult as everybody thought because of the times and getting people back into the system. He asked if they are funding properly and everything approved in the budget.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes, everything is approved. He asked if there were any other comments from the public.

**Adjournment: 6:25 PM**