



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos, and Santo Napoli

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. Don Ringer, 1801 Liberty Street, stated that Council emphatically needs a raise. It is a disgrace what the city pays City Council for most of them do. They put in so much time out of their personal lives. He stated that the city lost a number of city employees recently. Does anybody know why? They are leaving left and right. It has got to be a reason. He thanked the city for putting on the wonderful car show at Seventh and Hamilton.

Mr. Don Holobeny stated that there are problems in Allentown and the Parks Department. There are many issues at the dog park with children in there. Dogs need to be on the leash. He stated that the mayor asked him what departments were not meeting his expectations. He stated that Parks, Zoning, the mayor's office, and Sweep.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that if it is any concession he has been trying to help someone that they both know this week with the Zoning department. He stated that he left four messages and he has not gotten a call back either.

Mr. Don Holobeny stated that it is ridiculous. It is a health hazard because people are not cleaning up their dog.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that when they passed the legislation, Don Ringer asked the question about the cleanup and Council was assured that the regulations would be taken care of. She asked if there were supplies to pick up.

Mr. Don Holobeny stated no.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that her recollection is the only way to throw away the waste is outside of the gates.

Mr. Don Holobeny stated that there are two containers outside.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that you have been heard loud and clear tonight. He will follow up and make certain that something is done and make sure it is remedied.

Attorney Charles Smith stated that Section is 425-8 and it is in the Allentown Code. There is a specific Section on Rules.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you and asked Mr. Hanlon if there were any other comments from the public.

Contract Approvals

[15-6147](#)

R136

Authorization for Contract with Jack Rich, Inc., MacMillan Oil Co. of Allentown Inc., & PPC Lubricants, LLC in the estimated sum of \$39,900 to provide motor oils, lubricants and chemicals for City vehicles and equipment; 4 bids were received, one bid was rejected; each was awarded various parts of the contract, the contract can be extended for four additional one year terms beyond the initial year; the estimated \$39,900.00 per renewal term would be an estimated total of \$199,500.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R136 - Bid No. 2023-30](#)

[Resolution #30688](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as Bid#2023-30. It was advertised on June 28, 2023. The public opening was held on July 26, 2023. The city received four bids and one was rejected for no bid bond. After the department reviewed the proposals, they are recommending an award from each vendor for various parts of the contract. Jack Rich, Inc and MacMillan Oil Co are both small businesses.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30688

[15-6148](#)

R137

Authorization for Contract with Kost Tire Distributors, Inc. (d/b/a Kost Tire and Auto Service, Inc. D/b/a Big E Tire, Inc.) & McCarthy Tire Service

Company, Inc. in the estimated sum of \$30,000 per contract year to provide tires for City vehicles and equipment; two bids were received, each was awarded various parts of the contract, upon written notification, the contract can be extended for up to four additional one year terms beyond the contract expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R137 - Bid No. 2023-31](#)

[Resolution #30689](#)

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Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as bid #2023-31. It was advertised on June 28, 2023. The public opening was held on July 26, 2023. The city received two bids. After the department received the proposals, they recommending an award to each vendor.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30689

[15-6149](#)

R138

Authorization for price increase to the contract with Buell Kratzer Powell, Ltd. in the amount of \$12,800. The company provided engineering services related to design, construction documents, cost estimates, construction bidding assistance, construction administration services, and close out services at Irving Pool – the cost for the initial service was \$103,815.50; the additional costs is to keep the design team on for construction administration.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R138 - Buell Kratzer Powell, Ltd](#)

[Resolution #30690](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this is a previously awarded contract. They are requesting additional funds in the amount of \$12,800.00 for the construction and administration. Due to the cost being over the 10 percent of the original contracting sum, it is being presented here before Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that they just broke ground a month ago and there is already one Change Order. As far as he is concerned, if this company wants to keep a Design Consultant on there, they should be paying for it

themselves. Taxpayers should not be paying for something that they poorly did not include in their original contract.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if that is something common that we run into of a Design Company would ask such a question.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that is construction oversight and it is common. It protects the city's assets and investment in the project to make that the contractor is performing the project properly. It is oversight on the city's behalf to make sure that the contractor upholding their side of the deal. The reason why it is extra is because the project is taking too long, and it was bid out multiple time. This design firm was on for the entirety of this project. It is just taking a lot long and multiple times this project went out for bid. It costs extra.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions from his colleagues or the public.

Mayor Matt Tuerk asked Mr. Shahda and stated that this is not an uncommon expenditure in project management.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it is the length of time going on and it is not like the city have people on staff that knows what they are doing.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that in the construction industry there are a lot of unforeseen circumstances that arise at any specific job site. In those instances, Change Orders are required.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this Change Order is not for the construction company. This is for the design company, not construction company.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that it provides oversight.

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

Enactment No: 30690

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-6125](#) July 19, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [July 19, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

[15-6146](#) August 2, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [August 2, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Communications

Mark Hartney and Vicky Kistler in an email noted they had discussions with Sherry Binder of Ripple on a possible request for city funding of an affordable housing project.

Councilperson Mota and City Controller Glazier have disclosed they had conversations with representatives of Adams Outdoor advertising on the administration's request to consider extending their lease with the city into perpetuity.

Mandatory disclosure. Officials and employees who have had communications of any kind with individuals or entities seeking to do work for the City, or seeking to receive government funds, must disclose those communications to the City Clerk prior to the government taking action in designating who will conduct the service, receive the contract or receive the funds. Such disclosure will take place on an electronic or paper form or process to be prepared jointly by the Administration and Council.

Old Business: NONE

REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Hendricks, Gerlach

The Committee met last week; there are no meetings scheduled at this time.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Mota, Napoli, Affa

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for September 6 at 5:45 PM.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Santos, Zucal, Napoli

The Committee met has not met since the last council meeting; there are no meetings schedule at this time.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Mota

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

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for September 6 at 6 PM.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Santos, Hendricks

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for September 6 at 6:15 PM.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations, and Strategy: Chair Hendricks, Mota, Gerlach

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

Controller's Report (3 minutes)

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that the interns did three projects and Council has seen the Process Flows. This is the first audit report that has to do with fire overtime. He stated that it is the Collective Bargaining Agreement that controls how overtime is assigned. The Controller's office did a thorough audit and overwhelming found that the process is followed to the letter. The process is followed to the letter. He went over the findings which he stated were minor. The CBA calls for a minimum of 27 staffing and the city has been staffing at a minimum of 29. The system is paper based and the Fire Management is lean. There were two cards filled out improperly.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions from his colleagues. He commended Mr. Glazier, his staff and the interns for oversight and making sure the work was done. He met the interns on several occasions, and they have done an

exception job.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier thanked Mr. Hendricks and stated that he is proud of his staff and the interns.

Mayor's Report (3 minutes)

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that the Classics and Cruises event on Sunday was an excellent success. He asked for significant credit not just for the Allentown Police Department did a fantastic job putting it together and the work of Assistant Chief Gress. As they round out summer, they see projects from interns and Fellows. He stated that he was proud to receive a Report from the summer Fellow from the Harvard/Kennedy School who did an investigation into language access in the city of Allentown and presented to department heads and Bureau Managers on how the city might do a better job engaging in the limited English proficiency population in the city of Allentown. He thanked Alejandra Hernandez from the Harvard/Kennedy School for her work this summer. They completed work that they did with the innovation team that was supported by John Hopkins University and Bloomberg. He talked about Block Party in the Box and how Ryan Griffiths was one of the leads on the Innovation team. He was grateful to see Mr. Hendricks and Ms. Gerlach at the Back to School Bash. They begun the process of Budget Reviews. They had the first draft. It is his hope to get a budget passed prior to Thanksgiving. He commended the Department of Community and Economic Development for the work they are doing. They heard a couple of concerns about Zoning tonight and responsiveness. Overall, the work that has been done under Ms. Kistler is guidance in the Department of Community and Economic Development has been absolutely fantastic. It may have ruffled some feathers, but they are getting a much cleaner process and orderly process. Fundamentally and most importantly a much fairer process which should result in consistency and reliability in someone's experience when they walk to the counter. He stated that on August 24, they will be officially cutting the ribbon on the new Fire Academy on the Southside. IT is a beautiful building and finally ready for them to welcome the public. They will be asking Council for a dedication for that asset. They are hoping to have something for Council on September 6 in recognition to a recently passed member of the Allentown Fire Team.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked what time is the dedication.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated 11:00 AM.

Chief Efrain Agosto stated 10:30 AM.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions from the mayor.

[15-6170](#) City Controller Reports

Attachments: [CC - Overtime](#)
[Lead Hazard](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):[15-6109](#)

Bill 75

Amending the 2023 General Fund budget to allow for a position name change in the Department of Public Works, Recycling and Solid Waste, by changing the SWEEP Officer position to SWEEP Officer Bilingual.

Attachments: [Bill 75 - SWEEP Officer Retitle](#)
[Ordinance #15936](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated it was sent favorably to regular Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15936

[15-6110](#)

Bill 76

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from People's First Federal Credit Union to support the mini-pitch system at Jordan Meadows.

Attachments: [Bill 76 People's First Donation](#)
[Ordinance #15937](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it was forwarded favorably to this meeting.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15937

[15-6111](#)

Bill 77

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two-Million-Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to address housing related hazards including radon remediation, asbestos abatement, and electrical and plumbing repairs.

The 2023 Federal Healthy Homes Production Grant is a reimbursable grant which will be spent over the course of 42 months to fund repairs up to \$10,000 per home for 135 qualified Allentown homeowners and tenants/landlords. Additionally, it is requested to amend the 2023 General Fund budget to create two (2) new fully grant funded positions in the Department of Community & Economic Development's (DCED) Community Housing program and provide supplemental grant funding to two (2) existing positions. The funds for these positions were awarded as a grant from the Federal Healthy Homes Production (HHP).

Attachments: [Bill 77 Grant Funded PAHHP0110-23](#)
[Ordinance #15938](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was forwarded favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15938

CONSENT AGENDA: NONE

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-6151](#)

R139

Authorizes the submission of the formal application for funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP) in the amount of up to Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R139 STMP Grant](#)
[Resolution #30691](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that part of the Commonwealth's Department of Community and Economic Development is that it provides support to our local government. They last took advantage of this support from DCED in the preparation of Vision 2030, Comprehensive and Economic Development Plan. He stated that they are eligible to pursue assistance again now in 2023. What they intend to do with these funds, if awarded is follow up on the provisions of the Novak Report from 2019. They are looking to prepare a Capital Asset Inventory and prepare a Capital Improvement Plan with support from the Commonwealth. He stated that the administration looks forward to Council's support on that application.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30691

[15-6127](#)

R140

Approves a transfer of \$22,352.00 in Revenue & Audit Bureau for Unexpected Fees from Lehigh Tax Collection Committee Service to the City of Allentown in Regards to EIT Collection.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R140 Transfer Funds](#)

[R140 Fee for Lehigh Tax Collection Committee Services in Regards to EIT Collection Resolution #30692](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if anybody wanted to give insight on that.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that it is best that Ms. Patel gives insight.

Ms. Bina Patel stated that currently they have the EIT collection done by Berkheimer and Associates. That collection went from DY in 2011 and 2013 timeframe. At that time, all the cities/townships in Lehigh County funded \$80,000 for any appeals. It gives the ability to attest tax returns and in the attestation she can state that her reason for filing this return and not agreeing to what Berkheimer is stating that she was living in one city in Lehigh County and moved to another township. The rates may have been different at certain months for the residence. They will have to go through an appeal process. They have retained an attorney. They had \$80,000 and that pool carried the city through. They had so many appeals for Covid. In the appeal process, they have run out of the \$80,000. They bill each tax entity their amount owed. For the city of Allentown, it is \$22,352.00. It is not recurring.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Patel for that explanation and asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30692

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

[15-6150](#)

Bill 79

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25,725) from the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant for the purpose of overtime pay of patrol presence in an effort to suppress violent crimes and drug investigations in the Keystone Opportunity Zone in Allentown.

Sponsors: Affa and Hendricks

Attachments: [Bill 79 JAG Grant](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that this is for committee and not to vote on tonight.

Chief Charles Roca stated that he will give a rundown on what it is about. It is a no match grant that was awarded to the Police department. They can look at different areas in Center City and the West End and do violent crime reduction along with drug investigations. Different components will be involved: bike patrols, patrol car presence, undercover operations and different things that they will do to take back the streets of those who choose to commit crimes in our city. They will be held accountable. This will be a piece to go with. He is hearing multiple complaints about open air drug dealing going on in different sections in the city. The Police Department has a good Vice Team. It is not going to tax the city.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that this will cover undercover and not just driving around.

Chief Charles Roca stated that it covers the whole gamut of investigations with patrol presence and any capacity. Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she will wait until the committee to ask her questions.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-6152](#)

Bill 80

Amending Chapter 406, Nuisance Abatement, to consistently refer to the Appeals Board as the Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals. This

legislation cleans up language relating to the Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals.

Attachments: [Bill 80 Nuisance Abatement Clean-up](#)

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that it is pretty straight forward. IT is just cleaning up.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it is actually Council's legislation. This was proposed just to clean up the Bill.

Attorney Charles Smith stated that this is to make the language consistent. There were some ambiguities in the language and ambiguities always open up a door for a challenge. This is a necessary cleanup to make the language consistent. He would not call this a substantive change. It is making things clearer.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-6153](#)

Bill 81 Refer to the Community and Economic Development Committee, Allentown Planning Commission and Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN TO ADD A NEW SECTION THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A NEW "MIXED USE OVERLAY" ZONING DISTRICT, AND THAT WOULD APPLY THIS NEW DISTRICT TO LAND FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY THE ALLENTOWN STATE HOSPITAL THAT IS SOUTH OF HANOVER AV., SOUTH OF E. ALLEN ST., SOUTH OF WAHNETA ST. EXTENDED, GENERALLY EAST OF MAXWELL ST. EXTENDED, NORTH OF RIVER DR., AND WEST OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM BORDER, AS DEPICTED IN MORE DETAIL ON AN ATTACHED MAP LABELED EXHIBIT A, AND TO ADD CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

Sponsors: Affa, Hendricks and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 81 Allentown Mixed Use Overlay Zoning Draft 8 2 23](#)
[Legal Description of Proposed Mixed Use Overlay District](#)
[Northridge-Plans-Zoning-080323B](#)
[Petition Letter](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

Mr. Robert DiLorenzo stated that they submitted a Petition to propose a

Zoning Amendment for a new Mixed Use Overlay District. It would apply to the former parcels occupied by the Allentown State Hospital. The new amendment would allow for a mix of different uses that would accommodate future development opportunities on the site. Today, the site is zoned institutional. This would amend that zoning. City Center has been working collaboratively with the Community and Economic Development department, Planning, Zoning, and Public Works for the last six months on conceptual plans for that. This is the first step in the process of redeveloping this site.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any further questions or comments from his colleagues.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if they have to wait to do this until the Housing Study and the Zoning rewrite are done. On other things, they stated that they had to wait until everything is done.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that this is going to take a long time.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that this is a little bit different. She stated that they are gaining the input from the public as to what the plan is for that site. This creates a district that changes the industrial use to a mixed use. Unless they want to make an assumption that the State Hospital site will forever be institution, this is the first step to allow different development to be discussed there. You may want to incorporate some of the Housing Study results on what actually ends up there. The first thing that they need to do is establish that they don't want this to be an institution on site. She stated that the city wants it to be something else and this is the first step. She does think that the Housing Study results that they will have by the end of the year will be able to be incorporated in the final design.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated in the Zoning rewrite too.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated correct.

Mr. Robert DiLorenzo stated that they are working collaboratively with the city's Planning Director Jennifer Gomez. They discussed that very topic and how this new amendment will work with the rewrite that is being proposed and will become public. Because it is a mixed-use overlay, it stands alone as its own separate amendment. It is something that has been written in a way that it has taken into consideration the fact that it is a Zoning rewrite and they were able to get some insight on the Zoning rewrite so this will marry up with the new proposed rewrite. It is also a mixed-use overlay. This has been done once before in the city of Allentown on the Riverfront

Redevelopment. They are following the same process for developing the site with a mixed-use overlay amendment. Just as they did on the Riverfront. From a Planning standpoint, they will put together what is called a tentative plan and it will be a Master Plan for the entire site that would get approved once it is adopted. It would get approved by the Planning Commission as sort of a Master Plan. Each Phase of that process, they have to go back to the Planning Commission and get a formal Land Development approval for each Phase. When they come back for each Phase, anything that differs from what was approved on the tentative plan, you have to amend the tentative plan which the process in that is to get it pre-approved by the Planning Commission. It is a very multi-step process. This is just the first step with getting the Zoning amended to allow different types of mixed-uses on site.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Robert DiLorenzo for that explanation. This in essence be a work in progress.

Mr. Robert DiLorenzo stated yes, absolutely.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated absolutely. You can't technically discuss or accept plans or discussions about a property that is not zoned appropriately for those discussions. The first thing is to take it out of the institution and allow the open discussion to happen about what should be there.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, ALLENTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION AND LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):
NONE**

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mayor Matt Tuerk commended Ms. Mota stating as many of them know he and she traveled to Puerto Rico as part of a group to establish relationships between the cities that are so much heavily influenced by that island and people and culture. Ms. Mota did a phenomenal job representing you all as City Council people and meeting the mayors and local leaders of Puerto Rico, including the governor and the commissioner of residents of the island.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Mayor Matt Tuerk and stated that he also did a

phenomenal job to the point that Governor Shapiro and the Governor of Puerto Rico are both planning to come here to our city together. This is very positive. Congresswoman Susan Wild represented the Lehigh Valley very well.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that is why Ms. Mota is our sister Councilwoman. He stated that Council is proud of her and representing Allentown in its most admirable way.

ADJOURNED: 7:20 PM

[15-5720](#)

Council Rules
Procurement Procedures
Code of Ethics

Attachments:

[Council Rules 2023](#)

[Contract/Procurement Procedures from the Code](#)

[Ethics Code](#)