



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Courtesy of the Floor

Please observe the Rules of Council when given privilege of the floor. A copy of the Council Rules can be found on the council agenda on the website. If you would like to speak, we are asking that you fill out a card – they are on the back table provide them to the clerk before speaking. Include your name and address. When speakers have the privilege of the floor, personal insults, attacks, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose of conducting official business will not be tolerated.

Courtesy of the Floor is meant to provide public comments on items that are not on the agenda. Public comment during consideration of ordinances, resolutions and motions are limited by topic – your comments must be relevant to the subject matter of the proposed legislation. Public comments are taken before council votes on legislation.

You are given the privilege of the floor to provide public comment; it is not a question and answer session. State your position clearly and concisely for consideration. If you speak on behalf of yourself, you have three minutes and if you are speaking on behalf of a group that has several members present, you will be given five minutes in place of everyone coming to the podium. Please address the Council President not individual councilpersons or city staff. Refrain from insulting or defaming staff, officials, and the public; refrain from using offensive language, cursing, and making noises while other people are speaking. Please be aware that comments and/or behavior in violation of these rules will result in a forfeiture of all remaining time and you will be asked to return to your seat.

Mr. Kyle Ropski, 528 N Berks Street, stated he is the chair of Allentown Environmental Advisory Council. He stated that he just wants to make everyone aware of a clean up that is going to be occurring this Saturday,

March 7th at 1:30 PM. Hosted by Healing Hands and Hopeful Hearts. They are going to be meeting at 9th and Gordon Street at 1:30 PM just to do a clean up around the city. He stated that more information is going to be posted on the EAC Facebook as well you can find some more information on Keep Allentown Beautiful page on the Allentown city website. He also wants to thank everyone who came out to our Air Quality event last month. They had a great turn out and a lot of good information and will be posting a follow up with some of the results from that on our Socials as well also. Thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mr. Ropski.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that is it. The two others are for items on the agenda.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok. It sounds good. He stated regarding Contract Approvals. We don't have any.

Contract Approvals: NONE

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-8266](#) February 4, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [February 4, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

[15-8296](#) February 18, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [February 18, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Communications

Chasers – If you parked in the city lot next to City Hall, please see the City Clerk for a voucher.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that on Communications, for visitors to City Council, we encourage you to park in the Government Deck next door and to see our City Council for a parking voucher to pay for your parking.

Old Business: NONE

REPORTS

President Napoli: City Council will be holding two Special Meetings in April - Parking Authority on April 8 at 6 PM and ANIZDA - on April 22nd at 6:00pm. Both meetings will be held in Council Chambers.

Budget and Finance: Chair Pungo, Mota, Gerlach

The Committee met on February 25 the next meeting is scheduled for March 25th at 5:30 PM.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Gerlach, Binder, Napoli

The Committee has not met since the last meeting; the next meeting will be scheduled on March 18th, at 5:15 PM.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Binder, Santos, Affa

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

Parks and Recreation: Chair Santos, Pungo, Binder

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for March 18 at 6 PM to review the EAC annual report that has been submitted and a presentation of the city's sustainability program.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Mota, Santos

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

Public Works: Chair Mota, Pungo, Affa

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for March 11 at 5:30 PM to review legislation, the city's snow clearing policies, Administration and Committee priorities, and entertain an initial discussion on creating a volunteer program for snow shoveling for elderly folks, clean-ups and what not.

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; there is a meeting scheduled tomorrow, March 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM - it will be a public workshop meeting with members of Lehigh County administration along with their board of Commissioners.

Controller's Report: The Controller has submitted a Bank Reconciliation Review for the month end date: 12/31/2025.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he has an Accounts Payable Report, a Weekly Check Review and is for the period of 1/31 to 2/27/26 and this Report just came out today so it is hot off the press. During this period, the number of checks and wires that were reviewed were \$487. The total dollar amount was at just shy of \$8,200,000. The number of manual checks reviewed was six for about \$82,000. He stated our first finding is during the check review, we identified one check for \$729.92 that was addressed to a different political entity then Allentown (i.e. it was not our check to pay). He stated that they advised the department, they contacted the vendor, confirmed the invoice was not for Allentown and the check was voided. They recalculated another departments payment sheet and identified one payment for \$80 that did not agree with our calculation. The re-calculated amount was \$40 and the check was voided and reissued in the correct amount. He stated that we know a petty cash reimbursement weakness, he stated ideally, petty cash be replenished very quickly. In this instance, some of the invoices were from 2024 and he is just getting around being reimbursed in 2026. The department was advised, the best practices to replenish petty cash within three months of the expenditure and it most certainly within the same fiscal year is also reiterated. The department acknowledged the advice to subscribe to do better. He stated that we don't handle a whole lot of petty cash these days. He stated since the introduction of P Cards maybe they can see six, seven or eight reimbursements in the course of the year and he thinks that is pretty much a good thing. P Cards really makes things much more efficient. There were eight invoices that had the incorrect expense account used. The departments were advised of the issue and enter journal entry corrections. There were 19 invoices where they deemed them to be an untimely payment or that we need more than 60 days. The departments were advised and advised the reasons for the time lag and moved forward from there. They had four invoices and the documentation was not attached in Munis. The departments were advised, the documentation was attached and the department was able to complete its review. He stated that is my Report, sir.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mayor Tuerk and the Controller, Mr. Glazier. He stated moving along, Mayor Tuerk you had mentioned you had a Report.

Mayor: The mayor has not submitted anything.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he doesn't have a written Report to submit, but he likes to share some thoughts with you if that is ok. He stated 1, welcoming to Read Across America Week in Allentown. He is going to start off on an incredible positive note. Read Across America Week is always the first week in March. There are opportunities for you as City Council people to read to Allentown School kids. He stated that he thinks it is still an opportunity this week to go to any of the Allentown School Districts elementary schools. It does two things, one for you it is an incredibly life affirming moment to sit down and read to second graders who are just like the vibrancy of the city of Allentown. It would be a great way for you to start

your day. It makes you feel incredibly good, but it is also really important for young people. He stated when they have an opportunity to see an elected official, like a City Councilperson because it gives something to talk about. It makes them feel seen and that is one of the most important things we can do for young people in Allentown in 2026 is recognize that they are there and they care about them. He stated that he encouraged them to do that. He stated that he thinks it is still time this week and we can connect directly with the Allentown School District. He stated that they also take readers any much week in the year. Don't just do it during Read Across America Week, reach out and make yourself available. The kids will deeply appreciate hearing from their City Councilperson. He stated depending on the grade level they have really interesting questions for you. Second graders are probably going to ask about your favorite color, but the fifth graders will show up and want to know what you are doing to help people in Allentown. He stated if you are ready for a range of good questions. He wants to give a brief trip Report o the meeting on the 18th. He stated that he told them a little about initiatives that they had underway here in the city of Allentown to make the city a better workplace. He stated that was coming off his trip to Los Angeles for the US Conference of Mayors Leadership meeting. He stated during that meeting he was able to do two things he wanted to share with you. 1. He shared Children Health and Human Services for the Conference. They advocate for federal support through cities like Allentown related to the Children Health and Human Services. He wants to give them a sense of what they face right now. He is not asking for political advocacy, but wants them to understand that there are significant impacts facing the City of Allentown as a result of likely cuts to federal funding or changes to federal funding. The two that were significantly on his radar were the elimination of the ACA subsidies which will leave people in Allentown and the city's across America uninsured or having to have to make choices about whether to purchase health insurance or pay other significant bills or essential bills. The impact that has on city's is when people go uninsured, it hits our emergency medical services. The normal doctor's visit shows up in an ambulance for us. It is something that they must be aware of and he urged them to your legislators and at least let them know how important healthcare is to the residents that we serve. The other one is of note now is related to the SNAP benefits and the administration of SNAP. He stated that the big, beautiful bill, HR1 passed in July 2025. It will change the way that states are sharing costs related to SNAP Benefits. It is going to push a significant burden to states. He stated that will result in likely in the reduction in SNAP benefits being made to residents and cities like Allentown and food as you well for anybody who is going grocery shopping, the increase in the cost of food has a significant impact on families budget and facing food insecurities impacts a person's ability to fully participate in the life of the city so those are two of the issues that he will particular focused on at that leadership meeting. They also received a Report on the Road to Housing Bill in the Senate. The House of Representatives Housing Bill where they have two Bills that are passed at are to go out for the creation of production of more affordable housing in a city

like Allentown. There is a reconciliation that needs to occur between clean the House and the Senate pass. There are Bills and the city is supportive of anything that will help us build more housing units. He stated you will know when you talk to residents in the city. This is one of the most significant issues that we face in the city is the creation of more affordable housing so there are positive notes that there is progress being made. He stated that he was able to receive a Report. He stated that another thing quickly, that trip to Los Angeles and the thing is having a leadership role with the Conference of Mayors provides to the city of Allentown is access. They were invited to join a workshop on AI in local government posted by Google. He stated that he is still putting thoughts together related to that, but there are and if you have not seen a City Council people impact on AI on the way that you serve our residents. He stated that you likely will or already seeing it and you just don't realize it yet. He stated that people are turning to AI in lots of different ways to help them better understand how to operate in the city and they need to be aware of that. He stated that he will be looking forward to working with City Council over the next few months. He may be asking them to develop legislation on how they can regulate ways they use AI as a city. He is asking them if nothing else to at least start thinking about how AI will affect our residents and taking steps that they can take. He stated final thing, he just wants to end on a note of partnerships over the past couple of weeks. He stated that he was lucky enough to attend a roundtable hosted by St. Luke's with Attorney General, Dave Sunday where they talked about the impact and things that they can do to improve access to mental health and reduce the impact on their criminal justice system. Later, he was able to attend the State of the County Address by new County Executive Siegel. They are going to see him tomorrow. He was happy to see Council represented at the State of the County Address and heard some encouraging things from Executive Siegel on ways that they can collaborate to meet the needs of our residents. He was also happy to see and stated that this is still developing, but this is a during a meeting with President Judge Reichley. They also had Council Representation and were able to talk about things that they might be able to do to assist residents in the city of Allentown as they try to navigate life. The point being that we have new faces in leadership roles and partner organizations and they are showing up and interested in assisting the city of Allentown. He stated that he is glad to see Council at the table for that and looking forward to continuing those partnership opportunities alongside you so those are the thoughts that he had and appreciates the opportunity to share and he is happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mayor Tuerk and stated that we are going to move along to Ordinances for Final Passage.

[15-8301](#) Controller's Report

Attachments: [Bank Rec - December](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):[15-8239](#)

Bill 9

Amending the 2026 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Six and 55/100 (\$16,136.55) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner Grant to the Allentown Fire Department to purchase 1¾" fire attack hoses and nozzle compliments.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 9 - Fire Equipment Grant Appropriation](#)

[Ordinance #16192](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this was in Ms. Affa's committee.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that it was voted favorably.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Ms. Affa and asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais on Bill 9 or from the public.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 16192

[15-8241](#)

Bill 11

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$480,000.00) from the Trexler operating budget into the WPA Capital Project account and Trexler Monument Capital Project account. These funds will be utilized for the repairs of the Lehigh Parkway staircase and flagstone around the General Trexler monument.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 11 - Trexler Allocation to WPA and Monument](#)

[Ordinance #16193](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this will be in Ms. Santos committee.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated yes and it was forwarded favorably to the full Council.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok, thank you. He asked if there were any comments or questions from his colleagues. He asked anything from the public on Bill 11.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 16193

[15-8242](#)

Bill 12

Amending the City Code Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 633, Water, Article V, Water Service and Charges to add Section 633-53, Water and Sewer Rebate – by creating a sliding schedule of water and sewer rebates.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 12 - Water and Sewer Rebate](#)

[Ordinance #16194](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok and this was in Mr. Pungo's committee.

Mr. Cristian Pungo stated that this was introduced and forwarded favorably to Council.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mr. Pungo. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais on Bill 12. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. Thank you.

Mr. Jeremy Binder stated just real quick and to jump on there was a Plan to move the Rebates Section

Mr. Cristian Pungo stated if you don't mind he wants to make a comment. His comment will be for anybody in the room. He encouraged the public to use the city's rebate program. This is another thing that you can take advantage of to get some assistance in these times of high fees and expenses. He stated so please try to check out our rebates. Thank you.

Mr. Jeremy Binder stated just real quick and to jump on that stating that he thinks there was a Plan to move the Rebate Section on the Page to be of more prominence.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that was discussed at the committee meeting and Mr. Zumas and the administration mentioned looking into moving into more of a rebate program that was front and center so the residents can access it a little better.

Mayor Matt Tuerk asked about the webpage or the website stating we can make that in the front and stated that there is a (inaudible) make a new feature.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated thank you for discussing, but it was mentioning it again. He stated to call the vote on Bill 12.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 16194

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they are currently going to move to the Consent Agenda and currently have two on here, R30 and R31.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais or from the public on these two appointments.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he will offer that these are reappointments' to the existing Planning Commission members. Christian Brown is the chair of the Allentown City Planning Commission. There is still an opportunity and stated that he makes the pitch every time. He stated that if you know particularly a land use attorney, this is one of the major deficiencies of our Planning Commission right now. He stated we have engineers, architects, planners with one deficiency is that we do not have anybody with legal experience in land development who is sitting on the Planning Commission. It is a great to have. He stated that we are ok without it. They will have the law office advising and if you do know if there is somebody out there who is interested in serving, please you can go to city's webpage to be appointed.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok. Thank you. He stated that we are going to call a vote on these Consent Agendas on R30 ad R31.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

[15-8292](#)

R30

Jeff Glazier, Planning Commission, 3/5/2030

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R30 Jeff Glazier \(Planning Commission\)](#)

[Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk regarding Jeff Glazier - Planning Commission Resolution #31229](#)

Enactment No: 31229

[15-8291](#)

R31

Christian Brown, Planning Commission, 3/5/2030

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R31 Christian Brown \(Planning Commission\)](#)

[Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk regarding Christian Brown - Planning Commission](#)
[Resolution #31230](#)

Enactment No: 31230

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-8290](#)

R32

Sherri Brokopp Binder, Allentown Housing Authority, 3/5/2031

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R32 Sherri Brokopp Binder \(Allentown Housing Authority\)](#)

[Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk regarding Sherri Brokopp Binder - Allentown Housing Authority](#)
[Sherri Brokopp Binder - Resume](#)
[Resolution #31231](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues.

Mr. Jeremy Binder stated that though he has no financial conflict of interest with this, it would be inappropriate for him to vote on it given the fact that he is related to the appointee so he stated that he will be recusing himself.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok, thank you.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated and you have a person who would like to speak, Ms. Betty Cauler.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok. He stated to Ms. Cauler good evening and asked for the full name for the record.

Ms. Betty Cauler stated I'm sorry.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated full name for the record, please.

Ms. Betty Estelle Cauler, 2212 W Tilghman Street - Allentown, PA 18104, stated that she is speaking on this because appointing an Allentown City Council member's spouse to a Housing Board likely presents a conflict of interest or an appearance of impropriety under Pennsylvania's Ethics Act as it involves a familiar relationship and potential contract or policy decisions. Also, the Allentown Code of Ethics dictates that no official shall participate in decisions affecting themselves or an associate which could include a spouse's appointed position. Even if there are no direct financial gain is immediate, the situation creates an appearance of a conflict which

violates the ethical standards for public trust. Since Council Binder was stumping with the mayor before last year's election, this appears to be quid pro quo. She stated as such she would ask them all to vote no on this appointment to avoid the appearance of impropriety and to maintain the integrity of the public trust. Thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok. He asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public on R32.

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, and Cristian Pungo

Recused: 1 - Jeremy Binder

Enactment No: 31231

[15-8222](#)

R33

A RESOLUTION OF CITY OF ALLENTOWN, COUNTY OF LEHIGH, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE INTERMUNICIPAL TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE NUMBER R-21060 TO THE FELIX RESTAURANT LLC, 395 S. CEDAR CREST BOULEVARD, ALLENTOWN, PA 18103

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R33 Liquor License Transfer The Felix Restaurant LLC.doc](#)

[SHOPS AT CEDAR POINT MAILING LIST](#)

[The Felix Restaurant LLC, 395 S Cedar Crest Boulevard](#)

[Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer Posting I](#)

[The Felix Restaurant LLC, 395 S Cedar Crest Boulevard](#)

[Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer Posting II](#)

[The Felix Restaurant LLC, 395 S Cedar Crest Boulevard](#)

[Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer Posting III](#)

[Legal Ad](#)

[Resolution #31232](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that this was a subject of a Public Hearing early this evening. He asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public on R33.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 31232

[15-8280](#)

R34

Approves the submission of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to HUD.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R34 Resolution - HUD CAPER Resolution #31233](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any comments or questions from the dais or from the public on R34.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 31233

[15-8269](#)

R35

Allowing the city to allocate CHDO funds from the federal 2021 HOME grant to Community Action of the Lehigh Valley to offset the costs incurred for the project located at 136 S 8th Street.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R35 Allowing the city to allocate CHDO funds from the federal 2021 HOME grant to Community Action of the Lehigh Valley \(costs incurred for the project located at 136 S 8th Street\) CHDO Funds HUD CACLV transfer \\$144723.75-e-signed Resolution #31234](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok and asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public on R35.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 31234

[15-8293](#)

R36

Approves the following transfers:

\$144,723.75 DCED Transfer – Allowing the city to allocate CHDO funds from the federal 2021 HOME grant to Community Action of the Lehigh Valley to offset the costs incurred for the project located at 136 S 8th Street.

\$22,786.79 DCED Transfer – The positions of 144-003 Senior Planner and 525-002 Planner were created on 11/06/2024 by Ordinance #16060 and were not part of the original 2025 position budget model.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R36 Allowing the city to allocate CHDO funds from the federal 2021 HOME grant to Community Action of the Lehigh Valley \(costs incurred for the project located at 136 S 8th Street\)](#)
[CHDO Funds HUD CACLV transfer \\$144723.75-e-signed](#)
[2025 FY Transfer PZ Grant Fund staffing \\$22786.79](#)
[Resolution #31235](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok and asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais or from the public on R36.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Enactment No: 31235

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

[15-8281](#) Bill 13
Amending the 2026 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250,000.00) from the PA DCED Local Share Account Grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Resurrected Community Development Corporation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 13- RCDC LSA Appropriation](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions from the public on Bill 13.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-8282](#) Bill 14
Amending the 2026 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) from the PA DCED Local Share Account Grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Jewish Community Center of the Lehigh Valley.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 14- JCC LSA Appropriation](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok and asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-8283](#) Bill 15

Amending the 2026 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$296,878.00) from the PA DCED Local Share Account Grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Museum of Indian Culture.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 15 - Indian Culture Museum LSA Appropriation](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-8284](#)

Bill 16

Amending the 2026 Grants Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the State Office of the Budget, Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RAC-P). These funds are a pass-through grant that will support The Baum School of Art.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 16 - Baum School RACP Appropriation](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-8285](#)

Bill 17

Amending the 2026 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$775,000.00) from the PA DCED Local Share Account Grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Allentown Art Museum.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 17- Art Museum LSA Appropriation](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. He stated that this will also be referred to Ms. Gerlach's committee.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-8286](#)

Bill 18

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) from a completed Capital account for the redesign of traffic signal upgrades at 17th and Linden St, 17th and Turner St, 17th and Chew St, and 17th and Walnut Street intersections. This project was mostly funded through the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant (MTF-DCED). This will transfer the unused funds from a completed capital project to the correct account for these services.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 18 - 17th Street Redesign Transfer](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok and asked if there any comments or questions from the public.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-8287](#)

Bill 19

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Forty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents. (\$45,295.39). This was the result of payment in lieu of tree plantings from Allentown School District, QR III LLC, 309 E Hamilton ST LLC, The Waterfront Development Corp, North Sixth St Properties OP LP, Executive Education Charter School, and East Penn Properties LP. Funds will be used for the purchase of new street trees.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 19 - Shade Tree Revitalization Appropriation](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok and asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

[15-8288](#)

Bill 20 - Refer to CED Committee; and Allentown and Lehigh Valley Planning Commissions

Amending Part II General Legislation, Chapter 660 Zoning, Article 5 Uses, Table 660-4 Use Table and Section 660-38 Manufacturing & Industry Group, adding the use category Data Center Use; and Article 14 Measurements & Definitions, Section 660-135 Terms Beginning with "D" and Section 660-149 Terms Beginning with "R", adding the definition of Data Center, Data Center Accessory Use, and Renewable Energy.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 20 - Zoning Data Center Use](#)
[Exhibit A - Zoning Ordinance - Data Center Use](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok, thank you and asked if there are any questions or comments from the public. He stated that this will be referred to Ms. Gerlach's committee.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ALONG WITH THE ALLENTOWN AND LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSIONS

[15-8294](#)

Bill 21 Refer to Special Committee

An Ordinance Relating to city responses to people who are homeless living outdoors and setting standards and procedures for remedying unsafe conditions and protecting the rights and property of homeless individuals living on public property.

Attachments: [Bill 21 Encampment Closure .docx \(2\)](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated you have Mary Tomlinson.

Ms. Mary Tomlinson, 373 Liberty Street, stated very close to the Jordan Creek where a massive eviction of people from their homes and it happened last year. She stated that she supports Bill 21 in an effort to structure future evictions adequately. She stated that Riley from the Conference of Churches and Christina from the Homeless Commission reported to y'all a few weeks ago about the eviction that happened and how traumatic it was for folks and it was difficult for our whole community in fact. The surrounding communities have established protocols including lots of collaborations and intensive support for the unhoused who needed to be evicted, but compassionate protocols that is required by our city is needed. Warming stations will be closing and the encampments will be growing. She stated that she hopes they all take into consideration this need in our city. Thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated thank you. He asked if it is anymore public comment.

REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

[15-8289](#)

Bill 22

Amending the 2026 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) Grant to the Allentown Fire and EMS Department for the purchase of equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 22 - EMS OSFC Grant Allocation](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Santo Napoli stated again, he is going to mention tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM, the Lehigh County and City Council will be meeting in these Chambers for a workshop collaborating on future initiatives. He stated thank you very much.

ADJOURNED: 7:03 PM

[15-6577](#)

Reference Materials:
Council Rules
Procurement Code
Ethics Code

Attachments: [Procurement Code](#)

[Ethics Code](#)

[Rules](#)