



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. Enrique Moreno stated how are you doing and good afternoon. He came for a case about the Parking Authority and one for the city for a Sweep Ticket. He stated that he told them many times his complaints and his concerns. He has lived in Allentown for almost 25 years. He has a family, a daughter and everybody goes to school. He stated that he is trying to say that they need help with the city to see how to stop some people. He stated that he is not saying everybody. Some person is not work the right way and some person say for the language and like nasty. They have to respect everybody. They have to return to conversation with something resolved. The resolve is something that he knows is his fault, he would accept it. If it is not his fault, that is nothing to do with and he has to find a lawyer. He stated no one is here to help him find a lawyer to solve something that is a simple matter. He stated that there are so many problems for the Parking Authority. He asked who controls for how they work, how the decision they make. He stated it is a lot of stuff and he is not a lawyer and not working in the city hall, not working in the court house, so he sees so many bad jobs. They do this for the person living here. It is many issues. He stated that it is simple that everybody has communication. Everybody has a boss, everybody has a manager and everybody has somebody to here you and somebody here the other part. So whatever part is not the right way, they concentrate on who helps me. He stated now, this morning, it is not only him. He stated that they have a lot of people. The first time it happened with his dad. They pass and he talks to his dad and say hey, listen, you know you are going to lost your car. Forget about it. There was nobody involved. Before, he lost his car too. He stated that they took it from his parking lot and private property and he

loves his car. A1 Towing took it to his parking lot. He has a weakness, he has video and he let it go and that is fine. He stated that they continue to do the same problem again with his cousin and somebody else. It is just some family friends that happens to this problem. He asked if someone can tell him how he can go with the same issue. He stated that they tried to make a meeting with the mayor to see if the mayor would do something. He stated that they tried to make a meeting with someone on Council. He stated that is it. He wants to know and you hear this version and that is it. You are not going to that point.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Council has his name and phone number and someone will get back to you.

Mr. Enrique Moreno stated ok, thank you and said we will see.

Mr. Omar Fabregas Cera, 116 S 12th Street, stated buenas noches. He began to speak Spanish.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated ok and translated for him. He stated that the reason that he is hear is something happened on his way. He stated that he purchased a car from another person and to park the car in front of his house. He stated to ensure that he leaves the license plate on because the next day he was going to do the transfer. The next day he did the transfer at 12:45 PM. He went to his house about 2:00 PM and his son informed him that a towing truck took his car like around 1:00 to 1:30 PM. He went to the Turner Parking Lot so that he can get information from where his car was. He stated that they told him that his car was taken away. It was towed because the person he bought the car owns a lot of tickets. He tried to explain that the car was in his possession and he has recently purchased that car. He stated that it was very difficult because the lady that he was speaking with was really nasty. He got a translator from a towing place and they had to translate for him. She asked is it possible to give him two more minutes because she is translating.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that the other party he was dealing with Mr. Negron.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked who was the person that had the car. She translated for Mr. Omar Fabregas Cera stating that he said the person he bought the car from doesn't want to show up because they lady also has some issues with the law.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he spoke to somebody on the other side of that this afternoon.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that he hopes that it would be the same situation that they are talking about.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he believes it is. He stated that he will get back to him tomorrow.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that he stated that he really appreciates that Council is listening to him. She stated that the last thing he wants Council to know is the person he bought the car from now wants to show up and that is a problem. The only thing that the lady has to do is write an email. His car is still at the towing place and everyday it generates.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he has his telephone number.

Ana "Danny" Negron stated hello City Council and read to them stating that they reason that he wrote this is because he goes all over and never gets it to work here. He stated that he is Danny Negron formally known as Ana stating he is a trans gender male and a dedicated former employee of the city of Allentown where he served for 19 years. He stated 18 plus, but 19 years. He writes to them to expose neglect, discrimination, abuse that he has endured. Culminating in his unjust termination on February 19th. His termination was based on false accusations orchestrated by a former employee that is now a Sweep Animal Control Manager. She actions supported the familiar political connections within the city's administration has destroyed his livelihood and reputation. The position of the person who has accused him wrongfully and got him fired has connections that have enabled her to manipulate the system against him. She is married to the department Supervisor and is closely connected to an HR Generalist who is her best friend that he has gone to many times for help. She only leaked information and got people retaliated against him. The Sweep Officer has many family members who works within the same department creating that work as a protected and empowered her to act without accountability. This person shares close ties with influential figures in this city, including the Director of Public Works. Her history of dishonesty and workplace conflict is well documented dating back to her time in the Purchasing department where she made baseless accusations against others. He stated that he possess explicit evidence of her harmful behavior and falsehoods she spread about him. Despite his repeated please for help, the city's administration, HR department ignored his concerns. He stated that he faced relentless harassment, lies, targeted attacks, that turned his department against him. He stated that this culminated in his termination leaving him devastated and without recourse. He stated that Mayor Matt Tuerk failure to address these issues is particularly disheartening. Since the beginning of his term stating he has sought his assistance from him and the cries for help were ignored. He stated that he

even endured physical assault at the hands of his supervisor. When he attempted to report this incident, an officer refused to file a Police Report, claiming that it is a union matter. No one ever followed up and there were no consequences when he would raise this matter with Public Works staff and the Director. She dismissed his account despite having no first hand knowledge. He stated that he has a notarized statement from a community witness corroborating his experience, but no one has taken the initiative to investigate. He stated that he also reached out to numerous city officials, HR, city hall and all the above, underscoring a systematic neglect of Black and Brown racial discrimination, sexual harassment complaints. He stated that Mayor Tuerk as a Spanish individual, he finds Mayor Tuerk's actions hypocritical. While he publicly claim to support the Hispanic community, his actions are totally different. He stated that Mayor Tuerk exploited the community for votes while actively working against their best interest. For example, he canceled the Dominican Festival. He has done so much for a significant event for the community. His opposition for immigration legislation further demonstrates his disregard for the very people he claims to champion. He stated that Mayor Tuerk's betrayal extends beyond the Hispanic and Black Community. His favor is to support him a low employee from the LGBTQI community after almost 19 years of employment stating he has been wrongfully terminated and have gone to all of them years ago and gone to the Solicitor, to HR, to the Mayor and have gone to Matt's administration. He stated that he has gone to everybody and asked for help and none have done nothing for him. He stated that the city is in corruption. He can say the corruption. He pointed to a Councilperson and says he gets a ticket, and his ticket gets deleted because he is an ex cop, city employee. He asked what about Jose, Louda (sp), and Bob who gets to get the tickets and they don't get to get their tickets deleted. They are supposed to get ticketed. The Sweep Department has rules and laws which these people won't follow. He stated that he is the protector and savior for all. He stated that he is trying to be fairly treated and thanked Council for their time.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated Mr. Negron leave a copy of what he wrote to Council and they will turn it over to the HR Director.

Contract Approvals

[15-7541](#)

R28

Authorization for Contract with Telco, Inc. in the amount of \$1,672,344.05 to add eleven intersections to the existing traffic signal system and provide traffic signal and pedestrian accommodation improvements at the intersections. Two (2) bids were received; however, one (1) Bid was rejected due to not submitting their proposal electronically on Public Purchase, contract shall be for one (1) year with four (4) additional one (1) year renewals beyond the contract expiration period.

Attachments: [R28 - Telco Resolution #31021.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and stated Ms. Baraket.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as Bid #2025-05, American Parkway traffic signal improvement project. It was advertised on Public Purchase on January 10th. There was a public bid opening on February 12th, 2025. The city received two bids. One of those bids were rejected. After the department reviewed the bid, they are recommending an award to the sole vendor. She stated that the city has done business with them before.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Baraket and asked if he has any questions or comments from his colleagues or any comments from the public.

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 31021

[15-7548](#)

R29

Authorization for Contract with ArtsQuest in the amount of \$180,495 to lead a series of concerts program and market the Union Terrace Amphitheater. One (1) proposal was received, contract shall be for two (2) years with three (3) additional one (1) year renewals beyond the contract expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R29 - ArtsQuest.docx](#)
[Resolution #31022.pdf](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as RFP2025-06. It's Concert Series coordinator and management and advertised on Public Purchase on January 13th. It was the public bid opening on February 3rd. The city received one proposal and the Evaluation team consisting of four members conducted both technical and cost evaluations. Proposals were evaluated based on experience qualifications and prior performance methodology references and costs. After evaluating the proposals, the Evaluation Committee did not feel the oral presentations were necessary and they are recommending an award to ArtsQuest.

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

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 31022

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-7536](#) January 29, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes (Bill 10)

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [January 29, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes \(Bill 10\).pdf](#)

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

[15-7540](#) February 19, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [February 19, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Communications

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that on on February 26, 2025, City Council held an executive session with Allentown Police Department Chief Roca and the City Solicitor to provide Council with information on public safety matters. Council was also provided with updates on FIVE (5) active federal litigations: ANGEL L. DEJESUS, JR. AND CAROLINE MORALES V. CITY OF ALLENTOWN, ET AL - 5:23-CV-03424; JENITH FLEX VS. ALLENTOWN POLICE PENSION FUND, ET AL - 5:24-CV-06601; MIGUEL PEREZ V. CITY OF ALLENTOWN, ET AL - 5:22-CV-03718; JOVAN ROSARIO V. CITY OF ALLENTOWN, ET AL - 5:24-CV-01924; DAKINS SACKIE V. CITY OF ALLENTOWN ET AL 5:24-CV-02941. City Council also held an Executive Session this evening at 5:00 PM with the City's Fire, Health, and EMS Departments who provided Council with information concerning the purchase/lease of real property.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he will add that visitors of City Council meetings are encouraged to park in the Government Deck next door and see our City Clerk, Mr. Hanlon for a validation to pay for your parking.

Old Business

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes, we do and thanked President Hendricks. He stated to Ms. Patel at the last meeting he asked her questions with regards to Investigator Nolan and the investigation of the Juan Fund in the Allentown Police Department. He stated to Ms. Patel that she was going to be able to provide some answers for him on those questions that he had was: Was there an RFP conducted since Mr. Nolan is not an attorney. He stated that he understands when there is an attorney, the City Solicitor can hire those individuals without Council's consent or whatever. The fact that Mr. Nolan was not an attorney and it has been verified with the Supreme Court Attorney List. He asked was there an RFP done to hire him.

Ms. Bina Patel stated that there was no RFP done. It was discussed at the Executive Session.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he was not there so the problem with the Executive Session, that cannot be discussed amongst the public because there is a Sunshine Violation. He is asking the questions now. He asked was there an RFP done and if not, why.

Ms. Bina Patel stated again, no RFP was done and the details on what he is asking was discussed at the Executive Session and she is not privy to that information.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked how was he paid.

Ms. Bina Patel stated that there hasn't been any invoices yet.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated according to the newspaper and WFMZ, he was paid \$23,195 stating if his memory serves him correctly.

Ms. Bina Patel stated that if invoices are presented to them then they are paid with the city funds.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he would presume it is out of the Solicitor's budget.

Ms. Bina Patel stated correct.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated a while back when Council hired an investigator to conduct an investigation in this city, Mr. Curtis to be exact and Council was criticized. As a matter of fact they were accused of violating the Home Rule Charter by not following it, but it appears here that apparently that you folks have done that with the hiring of Mr. Nolan and asked is that a fair statement.

Ms. Bina Patel stated no, she does not believe so.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked why not.

Ms. Bina Patel stated because the matters of what you are saying have been discussed at an Executive Session and she doesn't have it.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated and again, the Executive Session is protected under the Sunshine Law. He stated so he is asking her the question and asked did she follow the City Charter in hiring Mr. Nolan. He stated that if you can't answer it, you can't answer it.

Attorney Adam Rosenthal stated to Councilman Zucal the city Code states that if Council requests the Solicitor's office can appear at an Executive Session and explain legal expenditures. He stated that he would be happy to have another session if you would like.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated so you are not going to answer the question. Thank you, Mr. Hendricks.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Zucal. He stated that they will move on to Report from Committees.

REPORTS

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A Special Council Meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 6 PM to approve the 2025 Safety Streets and Roads for all Action.

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Santos, Gerlach
The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; no future meetings are scheduled.

Community and Economic Development, Chair Mota, Hendricks, Napoli
The Committee met on February 26th and forward an item on this evening's agenda; the next meeting is scheduled for March 12th at 5:30 PM.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Santos, Napoli, Hendricks
The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 5:40 PM.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Santos, Affa
The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 5:20 PM.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Zucal, Mota

The Committee met on February 26th and forwarded on item on this evening's agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19th at 5:45 PM (CAT presentation/bill review).

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Gerlach, Affa

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for April 2nd, time to be determined.

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

The Committee is scheduled to meet on March 12th at 5:45 PM to review the draft code of conduct and to discuss setting up meetings with other municipalities to review issues of mutual concern.

The mayor has not submitted anything for the agenda.

[15-7562](#)

Controller Reports

Attachments: [BankRec.pdf](#)

Controller's Report

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier thanked President Hendricks and stated very briefly the December P-Card stating that he is happy to report that the departments are much more prompt in getting their invoices in to be processed. That is good news. There were six invoices where the applicable expense account had to be adjusted to get the expenditures in the right place. Once again, getting expenditures in the right account is important so that budget's from year to year are consistent and when the administration and Council analysis an equipment expense, they know that the right expenses are there and gives them a more clear, concise, and accurate picture of the budget and what they spend their money on. The other items on the December P-Card Report, there were four invoices where they paid sales tax. The departments were advised and they are seeking refunds for those expenses. He stated that is his Report for this evening.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Glazier. Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated you are welcome.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-7472](#)

Bill 12 Public Safety, forwarded favorably
Amending the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Nine Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Dollars

(\$963,000.00) from the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant to the City of Allentown Police Department. These funds will be utilized as reimbursement of expenses for new equipment purchased.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 12 Police JAG Appropriation 2024](#)
[Ordinance #16106.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and stated that this committee Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes, and it was sent favorably.

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

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that actually it was in this office.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there are any comments from the public.

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 16106

[15-7505](#)

Bill 15 Parks and Recreation Committee, this evening
Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars from Pool & Hot Tub Foundation under the Step Into Swim grant program to support swim lessons at city pools.

Attachments: [Bill 15 Parks Swim Grant](#)
[Ordinance #16107.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it was in your committee this evening.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated yes, it was. It would essentially provide free swim lessons for people.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Gerlach and asked if there are any questions or comments from his colleagues or any comments from the public. He stated seeing none, Mr. Hanlon, please conduct the vote.

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 16107

CONSENT AGENDA

There are no items for the consent agenda.

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-6837](#) R70 CEDC, forwarded favorably
Approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 1111 W. Turner Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R70 Deny - 1111 W Turner Roof Repair](#)
[Final Review 1111 W Turner DENIED \(Legalization Roof Repair Work\)](#)
[1111 Turner St-Signed Inspection Report.pdf](#)
[Resolution #31023.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon. He stated that this was in your committee Ms. Mota. He asked is that correct.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that yes, it was and it was denied.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Mota and asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that the opinion of the committee was an agreement with HARB or a disagreement with HARB.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that it was an agreement with HARB.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that they do have an individual here to speak to Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated yes, would you like to speak to that Ms. Kistler.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that this came before the DCED committee. This is a roof that was placed, not using HARB approved materials without permits. It was before Council once before and Council asked the question if the roof was installed appropriately. They did a city inspection and the roof is installed appropriately, but with non HARB approved materials. Therefore, HARB denied the Certificate of Appropriateness that brings the issue before you tonight.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Kistler. He asked are there any

comments.

Mr. John Ferreras stated that he is the current owner of the house and he just wants to say something about this case. On the first meeting they had in April 2024, all the Council agreed that if the roof was installed correctly, you may approve it. That's why he got all the permits and the inspections on the roof and they determined that it was installed correctly. He stated that he is here to see if they can approve that for him. He knows now he needs to get permits every time he does anything to this house. He is asking if it is possible that it gets approved. He stated that he is just a working person, trying to keep the house in one piece. He stated that there are houses that look way bad. The house on the left of his house, the roof is destroyed and no one does anything to it. He thinks this guy may have a lot of leaks. He stated that he is not complaining, he is just saying that he just got the money to do it and know that he did not get the permits that he needs, but like he said, he wants to keep the house in one piece and now he knows he has to go through some process in order to do anything to the house. He stated that is the comment that he has today.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he is sure that the Bureau of Code Enforcement will allow you time to redo that roof. He asked is that seems to be the concern right now.

Mr. John Ferreras stated that he is thinking about selling the house to be honest and he doesn't know what the process will be if they tell him he has to replace it. He stated that he is not sure what he is going to do with it. He stated that right now, he is in the process of selling it. He stated that he would like to finish this tonight, if it is possible. He stated that the house next to his has the same type of roof. He does not know how they got that in without getting in any trouble. He stated that he doesn't know if they did it if they realize about it, but the roof is installed correctly. The leaks that he has installed for a year, they stopped and the housing is in good shape. He stated that is his main concern. That is the only thing he was looking for.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she has a question, was he able to pay then the permits.

Mr. John Ferreras stated that he paid for the permits and then the house was inspected because he got the permit in.

Dr. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Ferreras.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated so if they vote yes, which will be in an agreeance

with HARB, then this gentleman will have to tear off his roof or she doesn't know if he would be able to sell it before. He will have to potentially endure some financial hardships, if Council votes yes in favor of this.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that Ms. Gerlach, they determined in the last meeting that he paid a friend approximately \$1,500 that is not a licensed roofer to install the roof.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if the roof is good and is up to code.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that it is installed correctly, but it was not HARB appropriate materials and had no Certificate of Appropriateness and no permits for its installation.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok. She asked what is not historical about it.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated in the Historic District it dictates the type of shingle that has to be used and they did not use the appropriate materials.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that he mentioned that the next door neighbor has the same one. She stated that since he saw the roof from the next store neighbor that gave you an idea that was sort of right roof or the right materials.

Mr. John Ferreras stated kind of because the one he had in his house was really bad. It was really bad when he replaced it. He stated that he just bought it and he didn't know they need to get the same type. He saw the next one and said it looks the same so they said he might be able to just do it and put it on. He stated that is his thought. The house next to his is the same and he will not have any issues with it.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked how much is a roof. She stated that she knows that he paid very little because he was your friend, but she is wondering let's say you rip everything off, how much money are we talking about.

Mr. John Ferreras stated that he is not sure because he is not from the business. He heard someone telling him they got their roof replaced for \$7,000. The whole thing. Not just the front. The whole house.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated with the historic tiles, it would have to be whatever the historic people want.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that the tiles are similarly priced. She stated that she thought they weren't at the last meeting, but they verified that the appropriate tile are similarly priced and roof costs are based on the square

footage and the type of material.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Ms. Kistler mentioned it would be about \$1,500.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated no. She stated that he paid his friend \$1,500 for materials and installation.

Mr. John Ferreras stated that is a friend of his. He just did a favor for him. It may be more if he had to get permits and getting a company to do it or it may be more than that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that unless you will get the same friend of yours to do it.

Mr. John Ferreras stated that he will not do it at this time because he needs to get the permits. He did not pull any permits.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked would he be allowed to sale that house under the Rules of HARB with that roof on now.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that the pre-sale inspection will fail the roof and either the new owner or the current. This is a rental that he is flipping.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked would he be allowed to sale that house under the Rules of HARB with that roof on now.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that the pre-sale inspection will fail the roof and either the new owner or the current. This is a rental that he is flipping. Either he or the new owner would be would be responsible for the roof at the pre-sale.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated so it wouldn't sale.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you and asked if there are any other comments.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that sometimes when it fails, you flip it to an approval.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated help her.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that sometimes when these things fail, you flip this thing to say that this Resolution reads as an approval under these circumstances.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated so basically are you clarifying that it means that the roof stays.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated so it fails so it will stay.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated correct.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated but sometimes a HARB denial fails, you flip it to an approval and say under this circumstance, it stays.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked are you telling us we need to do that or Ms. Kistler.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Council has done that in the past.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated she can't do that, Council does that.

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Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated we need to do it.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she guesses and said go ahead, your the President to Mr. Hendricks.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked make a decision.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated no.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated a motion, right.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated probably a motion.

Yes: 1 - Santo Napoli

No: 5 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, and Ce-Ce Gerlach

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 31023

A motion was made by Ce-Ce Gerlach, seconded by Cynthia Mota, to change the HARB Denial to an Approval Resolution, changing hereby deny to hereby approve in the above referenced exterior alteration in this specific situation.

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 31023

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she just hopes that the city can do more about it when it comes to the historical area. She stated that she knows that there are houses that are beat up, but at the same time, they do need to follow the Rules. If there is any way, what else can they do and stated that is what she was wondering. She stated that this is not the first time. She stated that it just seems like there are more people coming in with the same issues. She stated that she just hopes that they can do something more.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated to Ms. Mota that he will quickly add in last year's budget, he asked for \$20,000 to be put in a fund to mark and communicate with the residents in historic neighborhoods to make sure they understood what the requirements were of the homes. He stated that he knows Ms. Kistler has something and she is working on a plan to communicate with the residents to make sure these situations can be avoided going forward.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated not only are they working on a Plan to communicate with both the property owners as well as the tenants, but the recently launched the HARB survey which is the survey that brought the community meeting that they held here and had 30 people in attendance and it was close to 20 more on teams. They had at least 50 residents of the HARB come out to talk about the survey and the assessment. That survey along with HARB regulations went out to all of those property owners, telling them that someone is coming to their neighborhood to take pictures so that they don't get into a situation where someone takes something down and they don't have a picture to show what was there prior to. The assessment is going on. The education is going on. They are meeting with folks. She stated that she personally asked this individual whether or not he had not received information on the HARB when he purchased the property he had and well aware that he was in a historic district. He used a contractor that was not licensed and pulled no permits and got no certificate ahead of time. They are doing their best to educate a much as they possibly can and will continue to do that. Every house that gets a pre-sale inspection, they educate the realtor they are with or the

individual that they are with on the presale and buying in the HARB and you have to get permits for any work you do on the exterior of the home and some on construction within the home. She stated that they are doing the best they can.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she thinks the real estate is also and she doesn't want to blame anybody, but she thinks that they have to work with people that sell homes. The real estate agencies.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that all the documents at closing indicate that the home is located in a historic district. She stated that they made sure of that.

Dr. Cynthia Mota thanked Ms. Kistler.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated not to belabor the issue, but when that conversation happens and it says you have to pull permits and this is in a historic district, are they given literally a pamphlet with here is the pictures of the tiles you are can get, here are the doors you can get, the windows you can get because some people have come in here and said hey, I pulled my permit and he city said it was and they do the work and all of a sudden it is not.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that in the old situations, before Intergov, they had times when people would approach the counter and a home would not be flagged as being in the HARB and they could get a permit by accessing to the wrong address because it was lots of human failure. Since Intergov, when you come in to talk to anyone to pull a permit, it automatically flags that it is in the Historic District and it automatically generates the fact that you cannot pull your permit without your Certificate of Appropriateness. She stated when they meet with the HARB representatives for your Certificate of Appropriateness, they give you actual pictures, actual sizes, and actual layouts of what the HARB requires your particular Certificate of Appropriateness. She stated that their problem is that folks are doing work without coming for any permits and then they get stuck.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked is it a way to hand out those pictures and give people a very detailed information when they buy their house.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that it would be roofs, porches, paint and pillars, and a huge document. She stated that document is available online and everything they do talk to them about directs them to the website. She stated that they don't know they can anticipate everything they are going to do, but they certainly work with them one of one and make sure they have someone speaking the language they are speaking and they go through

exactly what they need to do. She stated that is why they do have some compliance with HARB. When folks do work and they are not just doing work in the HARB without permits, they are having people rip off inappropriate work without permits all over the city. They are fining people for doing so it is an ongoing problem.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she does agree with Ms. Kistler, but the thing is most of them have purchased homes and you know how it is. You get all excited and they give you so many papers. She stated that she is not making any excuses. You just want a house.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it is stressful.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that they give you so many paperwork that you have to sign and the information just goes, wow.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he would add that most realtors know too when you purchase a home, it is in a historic district. That is something that is brought to your attention and made very clear. That is part of the distinction of having a property in the Historic District. They are more valuable to a great extent and they consist of trying to continue with that distinction of having special unlike many other homes with architecture in such.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that the houses are beautiful. They look so small, but yet when you go inside, it looks like a mansion inside, most spacious.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he knows there is a home in the Historic District and it was painted a hard color and it sticks out like a sore thumb.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated oh well, more work needs to be done.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that they definitely and they are an international city and there are countries that people are coming from that don't have all these permits and bureaucrat red tape so they do what they do because that is what you do. Someone got to tell people that we love bureaucracy here.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that the positive thing here is that she talked about education and Mr. Napoli talked about the \$25,000, right. She stated so hopefully, let's see what happens. She stated so there is hope.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, moving on.

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 31023

[15-7474](#)

R17

Resolution provided by City of Allentown Police and Fire Civil Service Board Requesting the Mayor stagger the terms of the City of Allentown Police and Fire Civil Service Board

Sponsors: Mota and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [R17 Stagger.docx](#)
[John S. Stribula - Civil Service Board.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this was in your committee this evening, Ms. Santos.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated that this was in her committee and she believes Mr. Velasquez suggested that it passes with an amendment or as amendments.

Mr. Marty Velasquez stated that he was here earlier and he shared their perspective on this and what will make the most sense. He stated that he is available if they want to asked him any questions about what he was referring to. If you want additional clarity about what he was trying to suggest here. He stated that he already expressed his position on this.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if anybody had any questions.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if they pass this would they be in violation of the Third Class City Code.

Mr. Marty Velasquez stated that they are not talking about the Third Class City Code. He stated that Council is passing this and obviously it is a Resolution. It is a recommendation you are making to the mayor to stagger. He stated that his concern is that does not really get the job done. The way to make this change so that those in the future wanting to understand how to do this and see if then if it is amended in the Civil Service Rules and that will be Article V - Civil Service Board Internal Operating Rules and he would recommend if they do want to go that path that you look into the entire section because it could be fire or police that may have some other suggested amendments that they would like to make, but that is where in his mind would be the right way to handle it so that you build into this language the staggering process. He stated that they are in support of that. It is not an issue. It is just a way to get it done. It is where they are at odds.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked what would be the amendment.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated with Mr. Velasquez statement rather than an amendment, you should just table it and send it back Ms. Santos' committee and look at amending the ordinance. He stated that would be the simple way.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he is willing to make that Motion that they Table this as it is and do just that. Return it to Ms. Santos committee and asked is it agreeable to his colleagues.

Mr. Marty Velasquez thanked Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Velasquez.

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks, seconded by Cynthia Mota, that this Resolution be tabled. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Santo Napoli

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

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

[15-7542](#)

Bill 17

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One million Six Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Eighty-Nine Cents (\$1,698,288.89) from various Capital Projects to Capital Project 2035 – American Parkway Traffic Signal Improvements to complete the construction of installing traffic adaptive system along American Parkway/Basin Street from Susquehanna Street to Airport Road.

Attachments: [Bill 17 American Parkway Transfer](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this was in your committee, Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes, and it was sent favorably.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that this was for referral.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-7543](#)

Bill 18

Amending the 2025 General Fund and Information Systems by deleting the position of Application Developer (14N) with the salary budgeted in the

amount of Seventy-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Four (\$79,794) Dollars; and creating the position of Systems Analyst 1 (12N) with the salary budgeted at Seventy-Two Thousand One Hundred Nine (\$72,109) Dollars.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 18 IT Reorg](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there are any comments by the public.

REFERRED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

[15-7544](#)

Bill 19

Amending the 2025 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00) from the Norfolk Southern Rail, Safety-First grant. These funds will be used to purchase hazardous materials-related equipment for incidents that may occur as a result of a railway incident along the Norfolk Southern railway that runs through the City of Allentown.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 19 Norfolk Southern Grant Appropriation](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-7545](#)

Bill 20

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) from Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), Transportation Set-Aside (TASA) grant program for construction of Bogert's Bridge.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 20 PennDOT Grant Funds Appropriation](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-7546](#)

Bill 21

Amending the 2025 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 (RACP). These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Scottish Rite

Cathedral.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 21 Scottish Rite Cathedral RACP](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there are any comments from the public.

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REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-7549](#)

Bill 22

Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars from Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors to support the creation of the Youth Climate Action Fund.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 22 - YCAF Grant.docx](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

There are no resolutions for introduction.

NEW BUSINESS

Petition Submitted pursuant to Section 1010 of the Home Rule Charter, certified on 2/21: Circulator explains item submitted.

SECTION 1010. Citizens' right to place an item on the City Council agenda.

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Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that there was one item for New Business. There was a Petition submitted Pursuant to Section 1010 of the Home Rule Charter, certified on 2/21: Circulator explains item submitted.

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Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok.

Ms. Karen Ocasio stated ok and asked what happens next.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Council is not taking in votes tonight. It is you to speak on what you wanted to speak of.

Ms. Karen Ocasio stated that so yeah, we wanted to somehow stop the investigation with Duane Morris and it is going to cost the city over \$1 million eventually to do this investigation by Duane Morris. Given the fact that all the things that they found out about them and all of the red flags and given the fact that they have relationships and they have donated to people's campaign and so forth. They are not for the people who are complaining. They are basically to help the city of Allentown cover up what is being done to the employees. She stated therefore, they have done this

Petition and asking you guys to grant what they are asking for. She stated stop the investigation with Duane Morris and remove Candida Affa from having any type of voting rights when it comes from the investigation since she can't make an unbiased decision and giving how she has acted towards the community and telling them to shut up and walk in a way and she has no respect, especially for people of color who come up here and speak.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked does anybody wishes to speak.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if they have to vote on this right now.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked what's that.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked are we voting on this right now.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they are not voting on anything.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it is really nothing before you to vote on.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it is nothing to vote on.

Ms. Karen Ocasio asked what happens next. She just comes up here and talk about it and nothing happens. She asked what is the next steps.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this is by your choice.

Ms. Karen Ocasio stated I'm sorry.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this is by your choice.

Ms. Karen Ocasio stated that they submitted a Petition and had people sign it and then nothing happens.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked are they supposed to talk about it. She stated that she knows when they did the ballot initiative for help, not handcuffs that was a Referendum and that was different and that was definitely opinions on that. She asked if someone can tell Council what to do. She asked are they supposed to share their opinions.

Attorney Maria Montero stated that the Petitioner speaks and it is like a regular Bill from the dais and then after comments from the dais, if anybody from the public would like to make a comment.

Ms. Karen Ocasio stated that is all she has to say and not sure what the next steps will be with this matter, but giving the fact that she wants to

remind Council that some of you are up for election and there are people out here who are helping them and they will move and will get people together and vote you out. She stated that she wants them to do the right thing. This investigation is bogus and it is just to help what's going on and you guys should want to do the right thing stating that is why they elected them. She stated that the same way you were elected is the same way we can move you out. Thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Ocasio.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he has one new thing for New Business.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated maybe you should if anybody from the public wants to speak on that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there are any other comments from the public.

Ms. Barbara Redmond stated that she feels as though that if you hire an attorney, a firm and when a company hires a firm, the firm looks out for the company and that is their concern. How can a firm be bias. If you are paying a firm to do an investigation, they are going to look out for your best interest and that is their main concern. Duane Morris has never done an investigation of discrimination investigation for people of color. They did it for companies and that is their main concern that they feel as though someone else should come and do the investigation. She stated that they strongly feel that way. She stated that they have Petitions signed and people feel exactly the same way they feel. Duane Morris should not be the person who does the investigation because it is a law firm and they want to make that very, very clear. Thank you.

Danny Negron stated that he has been employed since 2007 and sees a lot of things going on. He stated that he spoke to a lot of individuals and spoke to a lot of Black and Brown, speaking with every district in this city. Danny stated that he spoke about any and everything they needed help with what they are concerned about. He stated also with drugs and also with wrongfully cited or ticketed or anything from the city of Allentown. Danny stated that he says this right, he has reached out to HR, Soliciting and who else haven't he reached out to. Danny stated Jesus Christ, he reached out to all which he has nothing else, but to go public then. He stated that he has brought everything to Council years ago. He stated that he has gone to the Solicitor and been to all HR and talking about every individual. He stated Matt and his administration.

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Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they are here to talk about the Petition filed.

Danny Negron stated that nobody is listening to them. He stated that they have so many things that they brought to the table to them all. He stated that you guys are here to help us all. Danny stated that you guys are diverse and have not helped him out in any kind of which way. He stated that you guys knows about the whole corrupt employees and you guys do nothing.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated to Danny Negron that this is the first time he knew about what was sent.

Danny Negron stated that he has ticketed Mr. Hendricks many times, and the tickets get erased, ok. He stated that is one thing he got fired for because he knows too much of what you all do. The corruption and you all do not want to keep him hired because he keeps finding out stuff and the corruption that you guys all do. Danny stated if you get a ticket, guess what, you got to pay for it stating you guys ain't above the law. Danny stated that he does his job loyal and thoroughly stating that he is here to correct the city and to provide services to the community, but you guys don't allow it. Because you guys want what's worse for the city. He guys just want to get paid and you guys are just corrupt and this is not how he wants to live.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that is enough and stated now, please sit down.

Danny Negro stated thank you for your time, guys, but this needs to stop.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Danny Negro and asked if there was anything for good and welfare.

Danny Negron stated that this needs to stop.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he has New Business. He stated that yesterday in the paper and on WFMZ he saw that they are selling the old bus terminal. Now, he remembers back when they were trying to sell or the city wanted to sell the Police Station at 10th and Hamilton, it was an Executive Session and all these meetings and they had to present to Council a Resolution in which under Section 528 Sale/Leasing of City Land reading the city owned real estate shall not be sold, conveyed, transferred or leased for a term in excess of five years without, without the prior authorization of City Council in a form of a Resolution adopted at a public meeting. There has been no Resolution presented to us that he is aware of, unless someone can correct him. Therefore, he believes this property is listed in error at this particular time anyway without following the process.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Zucal and asked was it anything else for Good and Welfare.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that he came up to say something and asked Attorney Rosenthal if he came up to respond.

Attorney Adam Rosenthal stated no. He came up to see if the Director needed anything.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, the meeting is adjourned.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked what is up with that and asked are they selling a property and did they follow the Rules.

Attorney Adam Rosenthal stated, yes, you passed a Resolution.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he remembers this and doesn't know the exact meeting, but it was a sliver of land on American Parkway (the bus terminal). He remembers looking at the map on the iPad. He stated that he couldn't figure out where it was when they first discussed it. He remembers it because he could not figure out where it was and remembers looking at it on the map and this is all coming back to him.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he knows there is a particular realtor that has his own assessment done on that. He stated that he doesn't remember how long ago that was and at that time, the property was not sold. He stated that Resolution would have had to come before Council since then.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that it was October 16, 2024.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if Ms. Baraket has he Resolution number by chance.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that she does and stated it is 183.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked Ms. Baraket to read the Resolution.

Ms. Jessica Baraket read the Resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is the record title holder of a parcel of ground, more or less 0.3537 acres (15,408 sq.ft.), located at 325 Hamilton St.; more specifically identified in EXHIBIT A; and

WHEREAS, the parcel was formerly used as an intracity bus terminal by Transbridge Lines; and

WHEREAS, Transbridge relocated operations to the Allentown Bus Terminal and terminated their lease with the City in March of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City determined that the parcel is no longer necessary for providing public services to the citizens of the City and wishes to sell the parcel; and

WHEREAS, On February 22, 2024, the City's Property Review Committee voted to recommend to the Administration the sale of the parcel; and

WHEREAS, On February 22, 2024, City of Allentown Mayor Matthew Tuerk approved the Property Review Committee's recommendation for sale of the parcel; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, §5-28 of the City of Allentown Administrative Code states that City-owned real estate shall not be sold, conveyed, transferred or leased for a term in excess of five years without the prior authorization of City Council in the form of a resolution adopted at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the City Council, the sale of this parcel is in the best interest of the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sell the parcel and is further authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the sale.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked was there a vote on that.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it must have been.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that she only has that.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that Mr. Hanlon can research that for us.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that it was R183 on October 16, 2024.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that if it was present, it would have been over a year ago.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated no, 2024 October 16.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated fur months ago.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated to Ms. Baraket you said something about February 22nd.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that is when it went to the city's Property Review Committee and then they came to City Council on October 16, 2024.

Attorney Adam Rosenthal stated that the vote was 3 - 4. He stated that actually he has the vote. It was and you voted in favor, Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated ok. That's fine.

Attorney Adam Rosenthal stated that it was 5 - 2 on December 18, 2024.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated ok, he stands corrected. Thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Zucal.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked did she vote against that.

Attorney Adam Rosenthal stated that he thinks so and said yes.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated to Ms. Santos that means you did too. Cool.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated did anybody vote against that.

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 7:38 PM

