



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final City Council

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

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 our 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.

Contract Approvals: The general idea for approving contracts is that the council acknowledges that proper procurement procedures were followed pursuant to the city code. Ask the Clerk to read the resolution. After staff explains the process, ask for comments from the dais and the public before a vote.

R62

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc., Miller Flooring, and Stephenson Equipment, Inc.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R62 Council Cooperative Approval - 5.21](#)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

April 16, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [April 16, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

May 7, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [May 7, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Communications

Old Business

REPORTS

Committee of the Whole: A Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for June 4th at 6 PM to review Bill 46, updates to the City's Non-discrimination legislation.

Public Hearing – A Public Hearing is scheduled for June 18th at 6 PM on Bill 16. Bill 16 Amending Chapter 660 (ZONING) of the City of Allentown Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 6605 to remove the limitation on preparation and provision of meals for only senior citizens within the community center definition.

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Santos, Gerlach

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for June 4th at 5:30 PM.

Community and Economic Development, Chair Mota, Hendricks, Napoli

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

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting. There is no future meeting scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Santos, Affa

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

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Zucal, Mota

The Committee met this evening. There are no future meetings scheduled.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Gerlach, Affa

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for June 4th at 5:45 PM.

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

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

Controller's Report

The Controller has submitted two reports since the last council meeting: Lights

in the Parkway Gift Card and a check review. They are attached to the agenda.

The mayor has not submitted anything for the agenda.

Controller's Reports

Attachments: [Check Review.pdf](#)
 [Lights Gift Cards.pdf](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On): The Clerk reads the bill. The Chair of the committee gives a report or recommendation on the bill, comments are taken from the administration, if need be, the dais, and the public before a vote is taken.

Bill 44

Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Two Cents (\$16,322.02) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) Grant to the Allentown Fire Department for the purchase of equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 44 Fire OSFC Grant Allocation](#)

Bill 45

Repealing Chapter 455, Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance, in its entirety and adopting the International Property Maintenance Code.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 45 Rental Code Amendment](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is for items that are considered 'no brainers' – no need to have the administration explain anything - the objective is to vote on all the resolutions at one time if there are no issues. The President asks if there is any request to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. If not, the clerk will read the titles of the resolutions. The President will ask for public comments, prior to council voting on the bundle.

R63

David Edinger, Board of Parks and Recreation, 5-8-2030.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R63_David Edinger, Board of Parks and Recreation, 5-8-2030.doc](#)
 [Parks and Recreation Board.xlsx](#)
 [Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk regarding Appointment of David Edinger, Board o](#)

R64

Craig Beavers, Environmental Advisory Council, 1-4-2027 (Filling Vacant Position Created by the resignation of Tim O'Brien)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R64 Craig Beavers, Environmental Advisory Council, 1-4-2027.doc](#)
[Environmental Advisory Council \(EAC\).xlsx](#)
[Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk regarding Appointment of Craig Beavers, Environ](#)

R65

Krissi Echevarria, Human Relations Commission, 5-22-2028

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R65 Krissi Echevarria, Human Relations Commission, 5-22-2028.doc](#)
[Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk regarding Appointment of Krissi Echevarria, Hum](#)
[Human Relations Commission List.xlsx](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On): There are no resolutions for final passage.

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

Bill 48 Refer to Public Works

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. This Ordinance is amending the previously approved Ordinance No. 16114 to correct the account strings.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 48- Transfer American Pkwy GLG](#)

Bill 49 Refer to Public Works

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Three Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$384,000.00) to a newly created capital account and Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars (\$96,000.00) from the unappropriated balance as a grant match for the Demonstration project. These upgrades are low-cost temporary safety improvement projects that will include installing speed cushions, roundabouts, and line painting at key locations throughout the City. The City was awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All Demonstration Grant and also includes the City's match portion.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 49 - SS4A Demonstration Grant](#)

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

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

Council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers. For copies of the agenda or meeting announcements, please visit our website at www.allentownpa.gov or contact the Clerk at Michael.Hanlon@allentownpa.gov to receive an email notice of the meetings.

Reference Materials:

Council Rules

Procurement Code

Ethics Code

Attachments: [Procurement Code](#)

[Ethics Code](#)

[Rules](#)