



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda

City Council

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Election of President and Vice President

Contract Approvals

R1

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for H.T. Lyons, Inc.

R2

Authorization for a Contract with TCW Building Maintenance, LLC in the estimated budgeted sum of \$85,000 per contract year for on-call, on-site Overhead Door replacement, repair, inspection and maintenance, at various City owned and/or operated facilities. One (1) bid was received, contract shall be for one (1) with four (4) additional one (1) year renewals beyond the contract expiration period.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

December 4, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

Communications

Old Business

REPORTS

Controller PCard Review

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 118

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$737,219.43) from LCA for the purpose of construction ADA handicap ramps and for the milling and paving of streets under the City's Utility Paving Program.

Bill 119

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Ferber Company for traffic signal improvements.

Bill 120

Amending Part I Administrative Legislation, Chapter 80 Personnel Policies, Section 13 Holidays and Leave Time, Subsection A Holidays by updating the list of paid holidays for full-time non-bargaining employees to include Juneteenth National Independence Day.

Bill 121

Amending the 2024 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Forty-One Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$41,242.57) from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development grant. These funds will be utilized to support the Bomb Squad and ensure disposal of fireworks.

CONSENT AGENDA**RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):****R3**

City Council hereby authorizes the additional expenditure of \$50,000 and authorizes the transfer of \$50,000 in City Council Budget for Payment for Legal Services for Brown Nimeroff LLC for expenses related to the 'investigation' from Account #000-01-0101-0001-46 to Account #000-01-0101-0001-44.

R4

Approves the following transfers: Fire - \$207,269.86; EMS - \$139,929.12; Public Works - \$18,669.15; Mayor's Office - \$18,491.69

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to Committee with public comment prior to referral)**Bill 1 Refer to Public Works**

Amending the 2024 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Five Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (\$567,951.31) from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund. The reason for this transfer is due to an audit that was conducted on the Liquid Fuels funding from 2016-2020. During that audit, a finding was presented that paving of more than one inch had to get prior approval from the Department of Transportation, and that was not

done. This was not found in previous audits and corrected once we were made aware.

Bill 2 Refer to Human Resources, Administration and Appointments
Establishing a Latino Advisory Committee to advise the Mayor and Council on issues relating to Latino affairs.

Bill 3 Refer to Human Resources, Administration and Appointments
Establishing a African-American Advisory Council is to advise the Mayor and Council on any relating to African-American issues.

Bill 4 Refer to Public Safety
An ordinance of the Council of the City of Allentown Pennsylvania requiring the city to obtain and maintain a welcoming city rating and work towards a score of no less than three stars from welcoming America; codifying the city's practices related to the provision of city services without regard to refugee or immigration status and requiring city council to advocate for the adoption of similar practices and policies by other municipalities; providing for the repeal of inconsistent ordinances; providing for the severability of the ordinance; and providing that the ordinance shall take effect in accordance with Pennsylvania law.

Bill 5 Refer to Parks and Recreation Committee
Amending the 2024 Trexler Fund by authorizing a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Fund in the amount of Eighty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen Dollars and One Cent (\$85,416.01) to the Jordan Skatepark capital budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. These funds will complete the construction of Phase 2 of the skatepark and is part of the 2024-25 Trexler Capital Project allocation.

Bill 6 Refer to Community and Economic Development Committee
Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ninety Thousand (\$90,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to support improvements to upgrade the final pavilion at Rose Garden #1.

Bill 7 Refer to Parks and Recreation Committee
Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Twenty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Six Cents (\$24,417.06) from Irving Pool Improvements capital project into Jordan Skatepark for construction of Phase 2.

Bill 8 Refer to Public Works
Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000) to the newly created capital account for the design of the traffic signal upgrades at 17th and Linden Street, 17th and Turner Street, 17th and Chew Street, and 17th and Walnut Street intersections. This project is part of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant (MTF-DCED) that the City was awarded. This will fund the design for upgrades to the four intersections on 17th Street. The City was awarded \$250,000 as part of the MTF-DCED grant that is reimbursable, and the \$75,000 is considered the City's match that is required per the grant agreement.

Bill 9 Refer to Community and Economic Development Committee
Amending the 2025 General Fund budget by transferring \$150,000.00 from the Health Bureau, Administration program to a new Health Bureau, Unsheltered Coordination Services program to fund the Unsheltered Services Coordinator position (11N), with a total annual salary of \$68,987.

Request Suspension of the Rules to introduce Bill 10 and send it to Committee of the Whole

Bill 10 Refer to Committee of the Whole, January 29th, 6 PM
Authorizing an investigation by an outside agency under Section 210, Investigations, of the Home Rule Charter: :Allentown City Council hereby approves the engagement of Duane Morris to conduct such investigation and make such recommendations set forth and that City Council's Solicitor work with the solicitor's office to take all necessary action to implement this ordinance.

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

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

Reference Materials:
Council Rules
Procurement Code
Ethics Code