



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. _____

RESOLUTION

R37 - 2024

Introduced by City Council on March 6, 2024

Establishes a Special Committee to provide a framework for Understanding, Implementing and Evaluating Co-responder Public Safety Models

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS City Council's **RULE XI – COMMITTEES, B**, states that Special committees may be created from time to time by Resolution and the duration of a special committee will be no more than six (6) months unless reestablished by Council or the President; and

WHEREAS, the current Administration under the leadership of the Chief of Police is working on co-response public safety models and council has heard testimony on various models; and

WHEREAS, Allentown City Council wants to work with Chief Roca and the Administration on the development of a co-responder model; and

WHEREAS, there has not been a systematic effort to aggregate information related to developing a model that is integral to the City's public safety system; and

WHEREAS, Allentown City Council is desirous of establishing a committee to provide such a framework; and

WHEREAS, the Committee will examine, review, and take testimony on "co-response models" including but not limited to the following: review current administrative policies and directions; examine current existing models; collect general information on co-response models; create options for moving forward; and develop a performance matrix for evaluating the efficacy of options.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Allentown that a committee is hereby established to examine models related to co-response mental health and public safety call outs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS COMMITTEE CONSIST OF Councilpersons Gerlach, Napoli and Zucal.

BE IT RESOLVED that the findings be presented to the full council at in a brief white paper no later than six months after the passage of this resolution at a public meeting.