



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

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. We are here to address city business.

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 is 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 on your city issue; 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. Quinn Allen stated that his name is Quinn and what is really going on in America and residents in Allentown. He stated that if they want to know more about residents, they could collect his ID. He stated that he has been coming to these meetings for the last three years and now they have a Mayor's election along with some Council people going on. In all these years, he barely rarely heard an agendas that actually benefits the people when they have homeless issue out of this world and crime isn't going up and you guys are City Council. He stated that the last three weeks if he calculates right and in one of those weeks, you could have had a meeting to address real issues that affects us on the streets of Allentown. He stated that he still sees people sleeping in front of closed doors just to get some shelter. It is sickening to see when they could be helping. He stated on top of that Operation Address the Homeless, he told the mayor this when he

first became mayor to go to Operation Address the Homeless and see if you can work with them on creating a solution and to help get more people off the streets and he did not do so. Although he is glad that he would say he do see him in the photos doing so. He stated that the reality is they came up with a proposal for a pilot community that hasn't been a reality yet. He is being told by Oath that they are fighting for that community. He supports it a thousand percent because we have to get people that want to get off the streets, off the streets and into apartments, owning homes, or whatever. He stated that it is sad that all they ever do in these meetings is talk about how to spend tax dollars rather than helping the community that needs help. There is someone here that is going to go on his Podcast willingly and going to go through all of Allentown to expose everything that the people need to gather.

Ms. Marilyn Mercado, 116 Church Street - Catasauqua, PA, stated that she lives in Catasauqua and work in the unemployment service center here in Allentown. She stated that they all know what happened to that Service Center because of budget cuts. She stated that she used to travel every day to Harrisburg, but she is not here for that. She is here because they started a PILOT Program for anyone that doesn't speak English. She stated what they are doing is using the employees that they have and giving them an incentive which is a dollar and anyone that calls into the Appointment Center that doesn't speak English and doesn't feel comfortable, they can speak to someone that is available. They don't have to speak Spanish and have multiple languages. She stated that is an average that they have. She stated right now, it is a PILOT Program, but they need to make it popular so it stays. This is something for the community. She stated that she has been fighting for it since 2002 and has been there for the payer to provide the services. She stated that they finally got something. It is a real letter and a PILOT Program, but it is a start. She stated that they got their foot in the door. In order to make it permanent. They are going to have a survey six months from now. They are going to be sad whether or not it is going to stay or it is going to fade away. She stated like they did before with the Hispanic (inaudible). She stated that they need to continue this. She stated that it is a service for the community and it is something that needs to be done because the government does say on the forms, they could provide the services if you need them for any languages, but they don't provide it. She stated that she works for the state and it is disgusting that she sees that they agree with the terms. She stated even though they have the scare going, they have to try to keep it up. They have to do claimant type calls and call the main number which is 888-313-7284, ask someone stating that you don't feel comfortable speaking English. She stated instead of using the language line which costs so much, they would have somebody there that speak that language, plus the language does have translate as well. She stated that she did it herself. She did it when

she had an appointment with them and did say no speak English and asked for the Language Line. She stated that she was just so frustrated seeing how much it did (inaudible). She asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated no, thank you very much.

Ana Negron stated hello everyone stating wants to make a quick question. Ana stated wanting to talk about Sweep today stating the Program Sweep Department and what they supposed to do. Ana stated that program is going to be an educational enforcement program stating since being fired, bumped into many people that have been still wrongfully ticketed still till this day and have driven around not by choice, but having to make it from A, B, and C dumping into properties that has been ticketed this month that still looks disgusting and if anything it probably was. Now if still being a Sweep Officer, could fix the issues stating that the Sweep Department is an educational program to help the people maintain and clean up the property. Ana stated the ex supervisor and gave the manager's name and stated he is a manager now and just send the ticket stating basically he is driving around just snapping pictures of people's properties and three weeks later they get a hundred or three hundred whatever the case would be, but that program is educational. It supposed to give out warnings. You supposed to see something that looks like a mess and knock on their door as he is getting paid to do. They supposed to knock on their door and speak to the property owner, business owner, and whoever the owner is of that property that is having issues. Ana stated you got to work with them until they finally get things squared away and back into compliance with the city. He stated so now what has been going on getting all the information, print out the information and call with people and start from scratch until they got to clean up the property and that was the problems they had with the properties and no longer had to cite them or take them to court stating educating people on the proper education and proper information. Ana stated the supervisor when getting fired was there, and being stopped from printing copies so that Ana could hand out educational information for the public and said that they get a budget for recycling and supposed to get the paperwork from Recycling, but was in Sweep and had access to the printer right there and made copies having 10 individuals that came late that day. That was a no go and was told not to engage with the people, telling stop engaging with people which is the job to do. If you read the job description: duties and responsibilities they are supposed to educate the people. Ana stated now this is what is going on with the people. Ana stated going to Mark Shahda and told him what was going on and also Gabrielle Heiney and what is going on with the Sweep Department is doing.

Attorney Maria Montero asked Ana to please tie up your comments. Three minutes have already expired.

Ana Negron stated that the Sweep Department should be investigated, rights have to be investigated and management here has properties in the city that they have employees work on their property instead of doing their job that they are getting paid at the moment stating now they are doing illegal working on management's properties that managers that work here owns property in the city that have employees and stating being one of them. Ana stated not knowing what was being done was corrupt. Ana stated that they need to be investigated. Ana stated the Sweep Department and the city workers stating that it is not fair. While others are getting ticketed, they are delaying tickets from city employers.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated your time is up.

Ana Negron stated that they should not be giving tickets to people that should not be ticketed. While the city workers and city properties are not being ticketed.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that your time is up. Thank you. He asked Mr. Hanlon is there anybody else.

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

[15-7694](#)

R53

Authorization for Contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. in the amount of \$238,135.45 for professional design services for school zone improvements funded through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Grant. These improvements aim to enhance pedestrian safety and accessibility near schools by implementing both updates to existing infrastructure and the establishment of new school zones. Three (3) proposals were received, contract shall be for one (1) year with one (1) additional one (1) year renewal beyond the contract expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R53 - Michael Baker](#)

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

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated hi, good evening stating this was done as RFP 2025-08. Allentown School Zones enhancement project. It was advertised on Public Purchase on February 21, 2025. There was a Public Bid opening on March 21, 2025. The city received three proposals and an Evaluation Team consisting of four members conducted both technical and cost evaluations. Proposals were evaluated based on IB Preference

Project Understanding Approach, experience and qualifications, timelines, references, and costs. After evaluating the Proposals, the Evaluation Committee did not feel the oral presentations were necessary and it is recommending an award to the highest scoring proposer, Michael Baker.

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

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he finds it again, interesting that Michael Baker International is awarded another contract from the city. He stated that it is also interesting that it is never a need for oral evaluations with these contracts. He stated that he can't imagine at all that they are the only people that can do this work. He stated that he just can't comprehend that. He stated that they are the only people that could consistently do the work that needs to be done in the city.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Zucal. He asked anybody else on the dais. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 31046

[15-7698](#)

R54

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for Quality & Assurance Tech Corp, Stryker Medical and General Recreation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R54 - 5.7.docx](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Ms. Baraket.

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Enactment No: 31047

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Communications

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

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated Communications, do we have anything.

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

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Santo and stated that we will move on to Report from Committees.

Old Business: NONE

REPORTS

Committee of the Whole: A Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for May 21st at 5:30 PM to review Bill 46.

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; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Community and Economic Development, Chair Mota, Hendricks, Napoli

The Committee met on Wednesday, April 23rd and forwarded items on this evening's agenda; the next meeting is scheduled for May 21st at 6 PM.

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

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Zucal, Mota

The Committee met this evening. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21st at 6:15PM.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Gerlach, Affa

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

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 submitted a report on Lights in the Parkway and Extra Duty and PD Uniform Services

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier thanked Mr. Hendricks and stated that he is going to Report on one audit this evening and this was extra duty for the Police Department Uniform Services and they started this audit as looking at the Accounts Receivable is to see that the folks and businesses that the police provide extra duty services to are paying our invoices in a timely manner and they looked at the Accounts Receivable as of April 1, 2025. Regardless of the status of vendor payment, whether the service person pays them or not, the city is paying the Police Officers. The expense is ours and then we wait to be paid in 20 or 30 days. He stated what they determined is that is 4125, there were 12 customers in the accounts receivable and the total amount owed to the city, including penalty was over \$106,000. Now, after reviewing the aged Accounts Receivable on the outstanding balance, the Police determined that four customers could be written off. The last activity for these Accounts Receivable customers ranged from 2009 to 2020. He stated that this is old stuff that should have been made to go away a while ago. He stated maybe the business closed or moved or something like that. The balance to the accounts are really more timely. Why they might be delinquent, it is nothing outrageous. He stated our recommendation is that the Police Administration should review the Accounts Receivable at a more frequent basis and a process should be established by the Police and administration to review those accounts and they agreed that would happen. One of the things you look for as part of this audit is contracts being the city and the businesses to authorize the service, to determine what the rate of pay would be, and to specify what the payment terms are, and penalty if payment is late. He stated that they reviewed 29 of these agreements and noted that none of the contracts could be located in either Eden or Munis, nor were they forwarded to the Controller's office as required. He stated that they feel that all contracts from written obligations should be properly entered into the Contract Module. He stated and what we learned is that this arrangement also involves the FOP and officers make arrangements with the FOP to be considered to do this kind of work and it is the FOP that goes out and it is more the contracting agent in this relationship with businesses and other people that want the extra duty services and that's alright or it may be alright, but once again, it is the city that ends up holding the bag if somebody does not pay or pays late. They also note that these agreements are not signed by the mayor and it is our interpretation that he is really the only one that could bind the city to a contract. He stated that they noted of these 29 agreements, they vary in working terms. He stated that six of the 29 had late terms and others did not address. None of the agreements addressed late payments. Whatever agreements are used in the future, they should certainly be standardized to address that. He stated that they advised having the Solicitor's office weigh in on that. He stated that he had some discussions with the administration and the Police Department and they added a note to their responses to this and it reads as such: after reviewing the above contract weaknesses approvals, the Police administration recognizes the city's interest needs to be better protected. A future meeting will need to be scheduled with the Police Administration, the FOP, the Controller's office, and the Solicitor's

office to review this process. He stated he is hoping that parties can come to some agreement to give everyone flexibility, but do a much better job of protecting our core interests. He stated our interest here. He pointed out at the same time and this is not something that they audited, but something they questioned as a result of this audit is that they have two very very good academies: Fire and Police. He stated while they hired and have many of their own candidates there who we hire. They also do work for surrounding municipalities and he is not sure about the Police Department, but certainly with the Fire Department which admittedly it is a much newer academy and still finding their way on many things. He stated is that they don't have an agreement either for the other municipalities who may send their employees there. They send them an invoice so it would be our recommendation for them as well is to explore what a simple contract is to guarantee the city payment, to explore issues of viability and things like that so that everybody is protected. He stated that is his Report for this evening. He stated if an officer gets hurt, the guy that is running the business is going to say that they don't have a contract with them. He stated that now, the city gets on the hook for the insurance payment for those injuries.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it almost has to be a contract because especially for the extra jobs.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that it could be a Worker's Comp thing

Mr. Ed Zucal stated absolutely.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he agrees with him, but when they started this, they didn't realize and saw him shaking his head, even without his glasses on. The FOP, the hiring agent as it were for this and it runs through them. He stated that he doesn't think having a Uniformed Agreement that takes into consideration raised liabilities would impinge on their abilities in any way. He stated that he thinks good agreements make good partners. He stated that he thinks it would go a long way to doing that. He is hopeful that the department, the FOP and the administration with an able guidance by the Law Department could come up with a good agreement.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he would ask Mr. Glazier if you would keep them apprised of that and go from now how we are making with that. He stated that he too agrees that is something that they need to do moving forward. He asked anybody else.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that the \$19,000 can pretty much be written off because you said the contracts are old, right. She asked Mr. Glazier to the best of his knowledge, are any of the contracts that they currently have with the same organizations from back in 2019 that were written off.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that the answer to that would be no. They haven't gotten any other bites of the apple in terms of asking for protection for coverage. He stated as he said some of these businesses may have closed. He stated that one of the things that Finance asked for two years ago was an Accounts Receivable person and to make sure that the aging of these accounts is really more current and he thinks and Ms. Patel can speak to this a little bit more accurately than he can. They haven't gotten to this part of the AR yet. He stated that they are working on other accounts and working through them methodically. Eventually, he would have expected you would have gotten here and would have come to most of the same conclusions, if not all the same conclusions at least in terms of right offs, but maybe not in terms of making sure that they are standardized agreements that protects the city's interests.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok, because some of these are big guys, corporations. She stated that she has seen them at Wawa.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated local businesses stating that he looked at the accounts and started this a while ago. He stated two months ago. He stated for instance, one of the larger users of these services is the school district. He stated that he doesn't remember what their balance is at the moment. He stated that if they are not paying in 30 days then they are probably paying in 45 or 60. It is still on the Accounts Receivable but they are not going away. He stated and they know where they live.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated and the last thing it says none of the agreements addressed late payment terms, but you said that total was inclusive of late payments.

Mr. Jeffery Glazier stated that one or two accounts had finance charges on them. He stated that they were written off. They were like .67 cents a month for a couple of years. He stated that if they are in a business which this is and having provisions for late fees as long as it is allowed for the ordinance. Whether it will be the city's or by a state ordinance. It is certainly an astute thing to do for city management and to protect the taxpayers.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach thanked Mr. Glazier.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier thanked Ms. Gerlach for the good questions.

The mayor has not submitted anything for the agenda.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked anybody else.

[15-7714](#)

Controller Reports: Lights in the Parkway, Extra Duty and Uniform Account Review

Attachments: [Lights in Parkway.pdf](#)
[XTra Duty Uniform Acct Review.pdf](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On): Ordinances for final passage have been reviewed by Council at the Committee level.

[15-7640](#)

Bill 37

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 Cedar Crest College.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 37 Cedar Crest RACP](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any comments questions from his colleagues. He asked Ms. Patel if she wanted to speak to anything to this.

Ms. Bina Patel stated that she believes it was discussed at a committee meeting. She stated nothing else that she would add except this would expand the athletic field for Cedar Crest College. She stated that it is a pass through grant from the city to the college.

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

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

[15-7641](#)

Bill 38

Amending the 2025 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 Police Athletic League. The \$400,000 awarded in LSA funds will be used to rehabilitate the existing PAL Community Youth Education Center located at 2110 Park Drive in Allentown.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 38 - PAL LSA](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and stated that this was in your committee Ms. Affa this evening, he believes.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that it passed favorably.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments or questions from

his colleagues or any comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

[15-7643](#)

Bill 39

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of Six Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$654,775) in Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and One Million Six Hundred Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Twenty-Three Cents (1,600,121.23) in HOME Investment Partnership Program, unspent funds for the January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, and January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 grant years, for housing and community development programs pursuant to the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations. The monies are received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 39 HUD Amendment](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments or questions from the dais.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that well, this was in her committee and it passed favorably.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated 3 - 0 and stated thank you, Ms. Mota. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

[15-7644](#)

Bill 40

Amending the 2025 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 training equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 40 EMS OSFC Grant Allocation](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and stated that it was in your committee, Ms. Affa.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that it was moved favorably.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it was favorably recommended with the vote, 3 - 0 to the full Council. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

[15-7645](#)

Bill 41

Amending the 2025 Golf Fund budget by upgrading one Maintenance Worker 2 (M08) position with a salary of \$43,950 to Greenskeeper (M16) with a salary of \$53,358 to better align with skills necessary for the position within a very competitive labor market.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 41 Parks Golf Reorg](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon. He stated to Ms. Gerlach that this was in your committee.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated yes, it was and it was forwarded to tonight's meeting favorably.

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

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

[15-7652](#)

Bill 42

Amending the Civil Service Board Rules governing the Appointment and Promotion of Police Officers and Fire Fighters by adding the following under Grading Procedures, c: All raw scores that end with .5 or greater shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number. All applicable veteran preference points shall then be added to the whole number. In the case of a tie, raw scores shall be used as a tiebreaker, with the original unadjusted scores used to determine who will place higher on the eligibility list. If there is a still a tie after comparing raw scores. The date and time of the submission of the application shall be used with the earliest submission date and time ranking higher on the list; and adding under Oral Examination: 3) The oral examination shall be conducted by a three-person oral examination panel approved by the Board. The oral examination panel

shall consist of the Chief of Police or his/her designee and two (2) current Allentown Police officers holding the rank of Lieutenant of higher. The Civil Service Board may engage in an outside vendor to conduct the oral exam. In the event an outside vendor is selected by the Civil Service Board office and approved by the Civil Service board to conduct such oral exams for the position of Sergeant and Lieutenant, the make-up of the oral examination board shall be made by the selected vendor who will be conducting the oral exam, with the approval of the Civil Service Board.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 42.docx](#)
[Proposed Civil Service Rule Changes.docx](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that this was in her committee.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he was giving the wrong number and asked if it was in your committee and forwarded favorably.

Ms. Candida Affa stated yes.

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

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

[15-7642](#)

Bill 43

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 Phoebe Ministries.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 43 - Phoebe RACP](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and stated that this was in your committee Ms. Mota.

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

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.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated we have nothing for the Consent Agenda.

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Mr. Michael Hanlon stated the four items on the Consent Agenda are: Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts at: 1528 Liden Street, 519 Allen Street, 627 Liberty Street, 412 N. 8th Street, and 424 N. 11th Street. Also the appointments of Ramon Nunez, Jr. to the Board of Parks and Recreation, Taylor Breinich to the Shade Tree Commission, Jean Raymond Hoffman to the Human Relations Commission.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon. He asked are there any questions or comments from his colleagues or any comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

[15-7688](#)

R55

Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts: 1528 Linden St.; 625 Liberty St.; 519 Allen St.; 627 Liberty St. ; 412 N 8th St.; 424 N 11 St.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R55 L-HARB Resolution.doc](#)
[1528 LINDEN ST-FINAL REVIEW.pdf](#)
[625 LIBERTY ST- FINAL REVIEW.pdf](#)
[519 ALLEN ST-FINAL REVIEW.pdf](#)
[627 LIBERTY ST-FINAL REVIEW.pdf](#)
[412 N 8TH ST-FINAL REVIEW.pdf](#)
[424 N 11TH ST-FINAL REVIEW-ADDITION-NEW CONSTRUCTION.pdf](#)

Enactment No: 31048

[15-7695](#)

R56

Ramon Nunez, Jr., Board of Parks and Recreation, 1/20/2026 (Filling the term of Maritza Dolich)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R56 Ramon Nunez, Jr., Board of Parks and Recreation, 1-20-2026.doc](#)
[Mayor Matt Tuerk Memo regarding Ramon Nunez, Jr., Board of Parks and Recreation, 1-20-2026.pdf](#)
[Parks and Recreation List.xlsx](#)

Enactment No: 31049

[15-7696](#)

R57

Taylor Breinich, Shade Tree Commission, 5-8-2030

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R57 Taylor Breinich, Shade Tree Commission, 5-8-2030.doc](#)
[Mayor Matt Tuerk Memo regarding Taylor Breinich, Shade Tree Commission, 5-8-2030.pdf](#)
[Shade Tree Commission List.xlsx](#)

Enactment No: 31050

[15-7697](#)

R58

Jean Raymond Hoffman, Human Relations Commission, 5-8-2028

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R58 Jean Raymond Hoffman, Human Relations Commission, 5-8-2028.doc](#)
[Mayor Matt Tuerk Memo regarding Jean Raymond Hoffman, Human Relations Commission, 5-8-2028.pdf](#)
[Human Relations Commission List.xlsx](#)

Enactment No: 31051

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE: Resolutions can be acted on when they are introduced; the resolutions here are scheduled for final passage. There is public comment before Council votes on the resolution.

[15-7651](#)

R52

Establishing a Special Committee for reviewing and developing Community Policing and collaborative efforts the Police Department is currently involved in to create a strategic plan going forward that builds partnerships between police, community members and organizations to address issues and opportunities.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Mota and Napoli

Attachments: [R52 Community Policing.doc](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and stated that this was in your committee this evening, Ms. Affa.

Ms. Candida Affa stated yes, it was.

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

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 31052

[15-7699](#)

R59

Authorizes the submission of a formal application for funding for the Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant opportunity in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) with no match required to improve traffic safety and reduce crashes at high-risk intersections along the High Injury Network.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R59 - ARLE Grant Application](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon. He stated that this would have been in your committee Ms. Affa.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that these are just for introduction.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated oh, just for introduction.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated and vote on which is the grant application.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok. He asked does anybody from the Chief's office wants to speak to this. He stated ok, quite a bit of money. He asked if there are any questions or comments from his colleagues.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach state that she knows it is just a grant application, but and assuming that this is just to monitor people running red lights or turning where it says don't turn on red. She asked what exactly are they trying to get money for.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that we are just submitting it at this time.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she knows. It still would be interesting to learn what we are submitting it for.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that this is for the ARLE Grant. It is a state grant that they are applying for. In the Safety Action Plan, the Hamilton Boulevard corridor was identified as the second highest injury network. He stated that they are applying for this grant in the amount of \$7 million to make improvements along Hamilton Boulevard corridor from Ott Street down to 5th Street.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok, yeah. That is helpful. Thank you. She stated that she just had no context. She stated that Council is voting on and she has no idea.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated it was a good question. Thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Shahda.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that just for a point of clarification, that was \$5 million, not \$7 million. He stated that the \$7 million is for the next grant that is being introduced.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach thanked Mr. Shahda.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions or comments. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 31053

[15-7701](#)

R60

Authorizes the submission of a formal application for funding from the Safe Streets and Roads for All Implementation Grant Opportunity in the amount of Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) with a 20% City match requirement for safety upgrades and reconfiguration of Tilghman Street and Union Boulevard.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R60 - SS4A Implementation Grant Application](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues. He asked if there are any comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 31054

[15-7700](#)

R61

Approves the submission of the Consolidated Annual Performance and

Evaluation Report to HUD.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R61 - HUD CAPER Report](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Council and asked if there are any questions or comments from his colleagues. He asked if there are any questions or comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 31055

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to an appropriate Committee that will meet in the future to review the bill; there is public comment prior to referral)

[15-7702](#)

Bill 44 Refer to the Public Safety Committee
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](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and stated that this will go to your committee, Ms. Affa.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-7703](#)

Bill 45 Refer to Community and Economic Development Committee
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](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this will go to your committee, Ms. Mota.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that you might want to ask for comments before referral just in case anybody wants to speak.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from his colleagues

or any comments from the public.

[15-7711](#)

Bill 46 Refer to Committee of the Whole
AN ORDINANCE: Repealing and Replacing Chapter 27 DISCRIMINATION AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION with updated provisions expanding protected classes and prohibitions and establishing various other regulations.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Mota, Napoli, Santos and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 46 HRC.docx](#)
[2024-106-ORD \(1\).pdf](#)
[Discrimination and Human Relations Commission.docx](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions and comments from the dais. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Ms. Bradbury would like to speak.

Ms. Liz Bradbury, Chair of the Lehigh County Human Relations Commission, stated that she is very happy to be here on the eve of this important forward moving step regarding nondiscrimination law in the city of Allentown. She stated that this legislation updates Allentown's current Human Relations ordinance that was originally passed 61 years ago and further updates some of the very positive changes made into the ordinance over the last six decades. She stated that today's updates have been made by using the very leading edge language of the newly written and passed Lehigh County Human Relations ordinance. She stated that she is proud to say that she was the lead architect and creator of the Lehigh County Human Relations Ordinance, working along with a very brilliant and diverse county government appointed Human Relations Council and with terrific input from County Solicitor Catharine Roseberry who ensured the ordinance language conformed to the Pennsylvania State and US Federal law. She stated that it took three and a half years to write this ordinance and it passed into law in Lehigh County in February 2024. It is the most up to date and inclusive nondiscrimination law in the state. The Lehigh County Human Relations Commission was appointed and began meeting in September of 2024. She stated that she was elected chair of the Commission and they have met for eight months. She state that she knows this ordinance language very well and believe she can answer any questions about it. How it functions and even how it compares to Allentown's original ordinance because she formerly served with the Allentown Human Relations Commission from the Year 1998 to 2014. She stated again, if you have any questions about this ordinance, please feel free to ask of her now or at any time. She stated that she is happy to meet with any committee.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Bradbury very much.

Ms. Liz Bradbury thanked Mr. Hendricks and asked any other comments.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

[15-7713](#)

Bill 47 Refer to Allentown and Lehigh Valley Planning Commissions and the Community and Economic Development Committee
Request from Cedar Crest College to Rezone 2851-2865 College Drive from Low Density Residential (R-L) to Institutional-Governmental (I-G)

Attachments: [Bill 47 Rezoning.doc](#)
[Exhibit A 2851-2865 College Drive.pdf](#)
[Petition from Cedar Crest.pdf](#)

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

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION - These resolutions would typically be sent to committee for review after public comments. There are no resolutions for introduction.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 7:17 PM

[15-6577](#)

Reference Materials:
Council Rules
Procurement Code
Ethics Code

Attachments: [Procurement Code](#)
[Ethics Code](#)
[Rules](#)