



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, October 15, 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

Council will consider suspending their rules to move Resolution 149 to the beginning of the agenda and act on it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he will make a motion to remove 149 to the beginning of the Agenda.

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 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.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he has no cards for Courtesy of the Floor.

[15-8021](#)

R149

Mayor Matt Tuerk and Allentown City Council hereby dedicate the 500 block of Hickory Street as Jerry Christian Way.

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

Attachments: [R149 Christian.doc](#)
[Jerry Christian Letter Signed.pdf](#)
[Resolution #31142.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks requested to move R149 to the beginning of the Agenda

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

Enactment No: 31142

Contract Approvals

[15-8010](#)

R141

Authorization for Contract with American Fireworks Company in the amount of \$30,000.00 per contract year for the coordination of the annual Fireworks display as part of the 2026 July 4th Celebration and Festival. One (1) bid was received, contract shall be for one (1) year with two (2) additional one (1) year renewals beyond the contract expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R141 - American Fireworks Company](#)
[Resolution #31134.pdf](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as Bill #2025-41, Independence Day Fireworks Display. It was advertised on Public Purchase on August 28, 2025. The Public Opening was held on September 18, 2025. The city received one bid. After the department reviewed the proposal, they recommending an award to the sole bidder, American Fireworks Company.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. McNeil. He 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

Enactment No: 31134

[15-8011](#)

R142

Authorization for Contract with Aspirant Consulting Group in the amount of \$18,500.00 per contract year to design, administer, score, and support a comprehensive two-phase promotional examination process for the rank of Police Sergeant. This process will consist of a written examination and an oral assessment, both of which must adhere to the City of Allentown's Civil Service Rules and be conducted under the direction of the Civil Service Board. The contract term shall commence upon full execution and shall cease one (1) year thereafter. The contract may be extended for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms beyond the contract expiration period at the same annual terms of the initial term.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R142 - Aspirant Consulting Group](#)
[Resolution #31135.pdf](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as RFP2025-2026 Police Sergeant Promotional Testing. It was advertised on Public Purchase on August 8, 2025. There was a Public Bid Opening on September 4, 2025. The city received three proposals. The evaluation team consisted of five

members and conducted both technical and cost evaluation. Proposals were evaluated based on IBE preference and the ability to meet RFP requirements, prior experience, team member qualifications and costs. After evaluating the proposals, the evaluation committee decided not to move forward with the Oral Presentation. The committee is recommending an award to the highest scored vendor, Aspirant Consulting Group.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. McNeil and 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: 31135

[15-8012](#)

R143

Authorization Engagement of Professional Services with Heritage Conservation Collective in the amount of \$19,050.00 for the services of a consulting firm for conservation services for our WPA structures at Lehigh Parkway. This Project involves conservation services including producing construction bid documents and providing construction administration for the WPA staircase and landings along Park Drive in Lehigh Parkway.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R143 - Heritage Conservation Collective](#)
[Resolution #31136.pdf](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this is a professional service purchase of over \$10,000 requiring Council's approval. This was done as quote number 2025-003. It was advertised on Public Purchase on May 16, 2025. The Public Opening was open on June 10, 2025. Only one proposal was received.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanks Ms. McNeil. He asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues. 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: 31136

[15-8013](#)

R144

Authorization for Contract with MGT Impact Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$39,339.00 to provide a fee study for all fees and review types administered through the Bureau of Planning and Zoning. Five (5) proposals were received, contract shall be for one (1) year and may be extended for up to an additional three (3) months beyond the contract

expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R144 - MGT](#)
[Resolution #31137.pdf](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as RFP2025-31 City of Allentown Planning and Zoning Fee Study. It was advertised on Public Purchase on June 26, 2025. There was a public bid opening on July 21, 2025. The city received five proposals. The evaluation team consisting of five members conducted both technical and cost evaluations. Proposals were evaluated based on IBE preference, consultant experience and qualifications of the Project Team, Project approach and methodology schedule and cost. After evaluating the proposals, the evaluation committee decided to move forward with presentations with the top two scoring firms. The committee is recommending the award to the highest score firm, MGT Impact Solutions LLC.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. McNeil. He 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: 31137

[15-8014](#)

R145

Authorization Engagement of Professional Services with Michael Baker International in the amount of \$72,708.00 for the addition of an NPDES permit, post construction stormwater management (PCSM) plans to the design of the MLK Trail Phase 1 project at the direction of DEP/Lehigh County Conservation District. This scope also includes revisions to the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, bid specification documents, and the cost estimate to add the PCSM items to the project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R145 - Michael Baker Int](#)
[Resolution #31138.pdf](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this is a Professional Service Purchase of over \$10,000, requiring Council approval and this was done as a single source purchase.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. McNeil and asked if there are any questions or comments from his colleagues. He stated Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked may be he missed it and asked were there any other

folks that bid on that.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was actually done as a single source because Michael Baker completed Phase I and now requiring an NPDES Permit which Michael Baker owned the drawing so they are the ones that have to do that new permit for us.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated alright thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were anybody else. 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: 31138

[15-8015](#)

R146

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for PR Commercial Painting LLC and Traffic Logix Corporation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R146 - 10.15.2025](#)
[Resolution #31139.pdf](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that these are all just being purchased from various Cooperative Contracts.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there are any questions or comments from his colleagues. 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: 31139

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that they do not have any minutes tonight.

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 and nothing for communications, correct.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated Chasers.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated regarding Chasers, he stated that anyone visiting City Council are encouraged to park in the government deck next door and

to see our City Clerk Chasers to pay for your parking. He thanked the public. 14:48

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Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Chasers.

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Old Business: NONE

REPORTS**Budget Meetings: Council President Hendricks**

The Budget meetings will be run by the Committees and their Chairs. That schedule will be covered in the committee reports that follow; I will then work with Council to set up meetings of the full body to act on amendments, take public comment, and adopt the budget bills.

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Santos, Gerlach

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for October 22 at 6 PM to review the budget. This will be inclusive of a general overview, 5 Year Plan, Revenue and Expenditure estimates; Budget and Finance budgets, Debt Service Fund, Risk Management Fund and Capital Projects.

Community and Economic Development, Chair Mota, Hendricks, Napoli

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for October 22 at 6:30 PM to review the CED budget, inclusive of Rental Unit Licensing Fund, Federal Funds, and Housing Fund.

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for October 29th at 6 PM for a budget review inclusive of Human Resources, Information Services, Solicitor, Controller and Council.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Santos, Affa

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for October 29th at 6:30 PM to review the legislation being referred tonight and also to the review of the budget.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Zucal, Mota

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for November 5 at 5:45 PM to review the Public Safety budget inclusive of the Police, Fire and EMS budgets.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Gerlach, Affa

The Committee has not met since the last meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for November 5th at 6:15 PM - the committee will review Bill 81 and the Public Works budget inclusive of Solid Waste Fund, Liquid Fuels, Administrative Order Fund, and Stormwater Fund.

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future

meetings scheduled at this time.

Controller's Report

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated thank you Mr. President and stated that he has a brief Report for the P Card Review for the month of May 2025. They reviewed 225 Statements and those 225 statements were 722 documents and the total dollar amount was 224,382.51. The findings are as follow: There were a number of transactions that had the wrong account listed. The departments were advised and made corresponding journal entries to correct them. The city clearly with the P Card Statement doing a lot of transactions with P Cards and as we know from our own experience vendors may also charge a surcharge. He stated that this remains contrary to city policy. He stated that they have at least two instances where they paid the surcharge. The departments were advised and when they can pay for these purchases via check in the future. He stated that he does note that the landscape seems to be changing and more businesses charge a surcharge. He stated that even if you pay your taxes or by licenses, the city is paying a surcharge for that. He stated that it may be a situation where the city needs revise its guidelines sometime in the future. He stated and finally, there were a number of invoices that was five invoices that were paid late. The departments were advised and responded with a reasons why those invoices were paid late. He stated that is his Report.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you very much Mr. Glazier.

[15-8031](#) Controller Report

Attachments: [PCard.pdf](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-7878](#) Bill 69
Chapter 660 Zoning Ordinance. Repealing Chapter 660, Zoning, in its entirety and adopting a new Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 69 Zoning Code Amendment](#)
[Exhibit A - Zoning Ordinance -- Exhibit B - Zoning Maps](#)
[LVPC letter Zoning Update.pdf](#)
[ACPC Public Hearing Draft Memo 7-3-25 \(2\).pdf](#)
[07_July Minutes_FINAL - ZONE Allentown Excerpt.pdf](#)
[ACPC Actions ZONE Allentown 2025-09-10.pdf](#)
[Zone Allentown ACPC Sept Minutes.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any

questions or comments from his colleagues.

Mr. Ed Zucal thanked president Hendricks and stated that he must say that he will not be voting for this tonight. He actually had a professional zoning person look at this. It is not very community friendly. Its structure is absolutely not even close to prior Zoning codes. It even says that it would make the issue more dense. He stated that they already have people and it is overcrowded downtown. He stated that they heard the gentlemen talk about there will be more spaces for bikes and things like that, but with more development and residential development as well, you are going to have more families, more cars and it has been nothing talked about the parking issue which they already have a parking issue. he stated that he is not comfortable voting on this at this time. He stated maybe in the future if they can come up with a better way to settle the overcrowding. He stated that obviously he will not be here for that, but then he would probably consider it, but not at this time. He thanked Mr. Hendricks.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Zucal. He asked anybody else on the dais.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he will jump in. He stated that it has been a long time coming for this and he can say that there has been a lot of meetings and a lot of Zoom calls. This has been one the most extensive processes he ever seen. The amount of work that came in from consultants from our city staff. He stated that this was shared with the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission which really applauded the new Zoning Guidelines. The Planning Commission played a part, the Zoning Board, EAC, and it really when people talk about Zoning, it is really about how are we going to look at the city in the next 30, 40, 50 years. He stated that they look at affordable housing and talk about it all the time. The Zoning is a foundation for encouraging affordable housing. He stated that they can't do affordable housing without updated zoning laws. Creating jobs, whether it is small businesses, small manufacturing stating this new zoning will helping create jobs. He stated that it will add density in the right places. He stated that he knows for a fact that there were many instances where they looked at different parts of the city and said this is not an adequate place for more density. The zoning was appropriately updated in a way that density where there was opportunity for it. He stated that he is all about jobs. He stated that he is a job creator and all for affordable housing and the way they are going to accomplish and achieve those goals is to update our zoning. He stated great job by your team and stated that he appreciates all the hard work. He thanked Mr. Hendricks.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Napoli. He asked anybody else. He asked if there were any comments from the public. He said seeing none

and he too what to add his congratulations to the team for the hard work. He stated that this was not an easy undertaking. It is not done that often for that reason, but thinks they were very diligent regardless how others may feel about it. It is a lot of work. He stated that they need to be commended for the great job you did in presenting this. He stated thank you on behalf of Council.

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

No: 1 - Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 16166

[15-7877](#)

Bill 70

Chapter 350 Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Repealing Chapter 350, Land Development and Subdivision, in its entirety and adopting a new Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 70 - SALDO Amendment](#)

[Exhibit A - SALDO Public Hearing Draft](#)

[LVPC Letter - SALDO Update.pdf](#)

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

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

No: 1 - Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 16167

[15-7982](#)

Bill 75

Amending the 2025 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Three Dollars (\$26,703.00) from the PA DCED Local Share Account Grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Allentown Patriots Athletic Association.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 75 - Allentown Patriots LSA Appropriation](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments or questions from his colleagues. 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: 16168

[15-7983](#)

Bill 76

Amending the 2025 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) from the PA State Office of the Budget RACP grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Da Vinci Science Center.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 76 - Da Vinci RACP Appropriation](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon. He asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues. 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: 16169

[15-7984](#)

Bill 77

Amending Page 378 of the 2025 Equipment Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Twenty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$27,910.00) from the General Fund Fire Department Equipment Account for additional costs associated with Seagraves Pumper VIN # 1F9EB28T6SCST2052 and Seagraves Pumper # 1F9EB28T4SCST2051.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 77 - Equipment Fund Transfer Fire Pumper](#)

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

Ms. Candida Affa stated yes and it went favorably.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Affa and asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues. 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: 16170

[15-7985](#)

Bill 78

Amending the 2025 Trexler Fund by authorizing a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Fund in the amount of Seventy-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Five Dollars (\$77,805.00) and an appropriation from the Cedar Beach Improvements fund in the amount of One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (\$1,684.91) to the Roosevelt Park capital budget of the

Parks and Recreation Department. These funds will be used to construct a spray park and are a part of the 2024-25 Trexler Capital Project allocation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 78 - Roosevelt Park Allocation](#)

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

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it was moved favorably tonight, thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Gerlach and asked if there were any comments or questions from his colleagues. 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: 16171

[15-7986](#)

Bill 79

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Nine (\$72,869.00) Dollars from the Allentown Parknership to support construction of a basketball court. This is a reimbursement from the Parknership.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 79 - Stevens Park Basketball Court](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this also was in your committee, Ms. Gerlach.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that this was also forwarded favorably, thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments or questions from his colleagues. 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: 16172

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that you have two items on the Consent Agenda. They were Sewage Planning Modules: R147 is for the Project for 424 - 434 N 11th Street and R148 is the Module at ASD Family Resource and Engagement Center.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any 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

[15-8008](#)

R147

Sewage Planning Module at 424 - 434 N 11th Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R 147 424-434 N 11th Street - Sewage Planning Module.doc](#)

[424-434 N 11th Street - Sewage Planning Module.pdf](#)

[Resolution #31140.pdf](#)

[424 - 434 11 th Street - Sewage Facilities Planning Module Documents - Signed\).pdf](#)

Enactment No: 31140

[15-8009](#)

R148

Sewage Planning Module at ASD Family Resource and Engagement Center

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R148 ASD Family Resource and Engagement Center - Sewage Planning Module.doc](#)

[ASD FERC Sewer Planning Module.pdf](#)

[Resolutionn #31141.pdf](#)

[Allentown School District Family Engagement and Resources Center \(Sewage Planning Module Documents - Signed\).pdf](#)

Enactment No: 31141

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-8021](#)

R149

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[Jerry Christian Letter Signed.pdf](#)

[Resolution #31142.pdf](#)

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that we are allowed to clap because this is.

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

or any comments from the public and asked an audience member to please step forward and stated good evening. He stated that he would like to thank them all for Tabling this.

Mr. Al Blount stated good evening and stated that his name is Al Blount and Jerry Christian is his mentor. He thanked the Council for taking this up. If it is approved and approving this and stated that Jerry is so deserving of this. He stated that Jerry Christian is probably his DNA may be in the hundreds of men now because of all the lives that he has touched. He stated starting at Valania Park and moving on to Cumberland Gardens and the Community Center there. He was the Director of the Housing Project there. He was one of this first, if not the first Black name that he seen in a suit. He was the first professional that he has seen on a daily basis. Jerry Christian was and is a devout Christian man. Nothing comes become his Faith stating he explained this out to us. He role modeled what he spoke to them about. He didn't just tell them, he role modeled and started everyday. He stated that Jerry Christian stayed late with them. Jerry Christian was just married and had a baby girl and was getting home late and he was sure there were some interesting conversations when he got home. He was such a giving caring, kind man. Again, he played semi pro basketball. He stated if anybody remembered the Allentown Jets, Jerry was a part of that. They were a semi pro basketball team and was the foreign team to the New York Nets. He stated that Jerry had those guys come to Cumberland Gardens and actually play basketball with them and speak to them about their lives. They were thinking that they made this money with basketball players because every city young man thinks he might like basketball. If they play football, they would get knocked on their butt. They believe they can play basketball. He stated that Jerry brought these guys to share with them and these guys were coming from overseas and play ball overseas. Coming back and running a summer program for them. He stated that he means that was huge. He stated that Jerry ran events at Clyde E Bosket Park that has grown into what it takes today. He stated A-Youth is Jerry Christian. City League basketball is Jerry Christian. Being a good Christian is Jerry Christian. He stated that he can spend a whole lot of time here, but he won't. He stated that Jerry's resume is beyond reproach. It is a good thing that they are doing it here today, and want to thank them all for Tabling this.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Blount for his comments. He stated please, step forward.

Male in audience (no name given) stated first of all he wants to say what Al said. Jerry Christian was a good mentor for many of us young kids. He stated you, Daryl Hendricks was a big guy for us too as a police officer. He

stated that they were young kids and stating he was one of the big troublemakers. He stated that Mr. Hendricks lead them in the right direction. He stated that Jerry mentored a whole lot of them. He stated as far as Valania Park goes, he brought a whole lot of big players down there which lead a lot of players to want to play basketball. He stated like Al said he meant a lot to the whole Valley because he mentored a lot of people in Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton. He stated that like he said when it came to the Allentown Jets, he was there and brought the players over. He let them do everything. He kept out of trouble. If it wasn't for him, there would have been a lot more of them going to jail instead of going to basketball games. He stated that he think this is a great thing and a good one for him and he deserves it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you and asked anybody else. He stated that he was a true pioneer and a very important person in the community. He stated it is much deserved. He stated that they will move on to Courtesy of the Floor.

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

Enactment No: 31142

[15-8016](#)

R150

A Resolution appointing four Police Officers, as Patrolmen, at a base salary of \$70,493, contingent upon the candidate passing physical and psychological examinations as stipulated in the Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations and obtaining and maintaining a valid state certification from the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R150 - Hiring Patrolmen](#)

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

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated no, but she thinks Roca had something to say.

Chief Charles Roca stated that he just wants to provide an updated prescription of the officers that are coming on for your consideration.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated certainly and stated that he is sorry.

Chief Charles Roca stated no problem. He stated that the first one is Andrew Waterman. He is a 28 year old resident of Sinking Springs, PA. He has an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from

LCCC. He served in the United States Army as a Military Police Officer. Mark Johnson is a 43 year old resident of Emmaus, PA, who graduated from Lindenville High School and took classes at Genesee Community College and Central Texas College and served in the United States Army, where he served as a Calvary Scout, Unit Armorer, Military Police Officer, and a Military Police K-9 Officer. Alexandra Rossi, no relations to Sheriff Rossi. Alexandra is a 24 year old resident of Allentown who has an associate's degree in Sociology from Northampton Community College and is currently working toward her Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Kutztown University. Alexandra currently serves in the Army National Guard as a Patrol and Supplies Specialist. And, finally, we have Gregory Solensky. A 36 year old resident of Palmerton, PA, who graduated from Parkland High School and took classes at LCCC and has been a certified paramedic since 2014. He stated that he just wants to give them that update.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Chief Roca and stated that he is sorry that he missed that earlier.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated back to the vote and stated that we had Mr. Hendricks' yes, Ms. Affa is a yes, and Ms. Gerlach as a no. He then said Ms. Mota, Mr. Napoli, Ms. Santos, and Mr. Zucal.

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

No: 1 - Ce-Ce Gerlach

Enactment No: 31143

[15-7967](#)

R151

Approves the following transfer:

Treasury - \$24,000.00 (Additional costs to Cheiron were incurred in 2025 and \$16,000 that was budgeted for in 2024 was paid out in 2025 due to a significantly late invoice from Cheiron).

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R151 Additional costs to Cheiron were incurred in 2025 and \\$16,000 that was budgeted for in 2024 was paid out in 2025.doc](#)
[Additional Costs to Cheiron were incurred in 2025 and \\$16,000 that was budgeted for in 2024 was paid out in 2025 due to a significantly late invoice from Cheiron.pdf](#)
[Resolution #31144.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues. 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: 31144

[15-7999](#)

R152

Approves the following transfer: Risk Management - \$5,923,052.27

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R152 Risk Transfers.doc](#)

[Risk - Transfer from remaining unused Amounts Available in the
Current Risk Fund Totaling.pdf
Resolution #31145.pdf](#)

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

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes, thank you. He stated to Ms. Kistler that he guesses she can answer this.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that Ms. Patel can.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated ok and stated that he is sorry that he did not see her back there. He stated that this is a pretty large increase and it says obviously for health prescription costs. He stated that when you talk about health are you talking about Contract costs for the unions or what.

Ms. Bina Patel stated no. Actually, the city is self insured and cannot predict the health of our employees and currently we are experiencing higher cost in healthcare.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that obviously he doesn't want names, but are there situations where there are individuals that are.

Ms. Bina Patel stated not well. She stated that we have some employees that are not well so that is why there is an increase cost. She stated that the city is receiving higher costs.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated ok. He stated that he guesses some people are taking the drug Ozempic and is that being covered currently or no.

Ms. Bina Patel stated that is covered for medical reasons.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated for medical conditions. He stated alright, thank you Mr. Hendricks.

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

Ms. Karen Ocasio, Southside Allentown, stated actually the weight loss medicine is not covered by medical anymore. She stated that it is not being covered and since the city is self pay, they pay their own medical so that is extra that comes out of the budget and she just wanted to clarify that. She stated so that is actually not true. Thanks.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she is confused.

Ms. Bina Patel stated that they have been covering for medical reasons and have not changed our policies. Currently, it is covered under our Capital Blue Medical Plans.

Dr. Cynthia Mota thanked Ms. Patel.

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

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

Enactment No: 31145

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

[15-8018](#)

Bill 80

Amending the 2025 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$388,000) from FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance, grant will be utilized to purchase and install new sprinkler systems in each of the fire stations.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 80 - Fire Sprinkler FEMA Grant Appropriation](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-8017](#)

Bill 81

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million One Hundred Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$1,105,491.39) from UGI for the construction of ADA handicap ramps and milling and paving streets under the City's Utility Paving Program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 81 - UGI Cost Share Purchase](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-8019](#)

Bill 82

Amending the 2025 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$76,600.00) from FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters grant. These funds will be utilized to purchase of Fire Alarm System installations at four of the fire stations for the Allentown Fire Department.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 82 - Fire Alarms FEMA Grant Appropriation](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-8020](#)

Bill 83

AN ORDINANCE Protecting Public Health and Safety, Reducing the Harms Experienced by Unsheltered/Homeless Residents, and creating procedures relating to city responses to people who are homeless living outdoors and setting standards and procedures for remedying unsafe conditions and protecting the rights and property of homeless individuals.

Sponsors: Gerlach and Santos

Attachments: [Bill 83 -Encampment Closure Ordinance.docx](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any comments from the public. He stated that do to the importance of the impact of this Bill and what it will have on not all the city bureaus, he believes it is best to have all Council members present to review and evaluate the merits of it. He stated that he will be forwarding this Bill to a Committee of the Whole.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she just has a quick question on that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated certainly.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that the sponsor and the co-sponsor of the Bill are both on the Parks and Recreation Committee. She stated that she has noticed a historical trend that when a sponsor of a piece of legislation introduces something, it tends to go to that committee. She stated that

seems to not happen when she introduces legislation stating it seems when she introduces legislation, it always ends up at a Committee of the Whole, a Special Committee, or a Committee she doesn't sit on. She stated that she doesn't even get a vote on the committee level. In this situation, they are dealing with unsheltered folks, many of whom they had a couple of weeks ago sat up in West Park which is Parks and Rec. She stated that they have many of them who are setting up along trails which is Parks and Recreation. She stated that they have many of them who are setting up along waterways which is Parks and Recreation. She stated that she knows the attempt and why this is being sent to the Committee of the Whole. It is so that everyone can be there and it will get tabled since the mayor called everyone up. She stated to Mr. Zucal, she doesn't know if he called you, Zucal up and stated that she knows that he didn't call Natalie up. She knows that he called everyone else up and he issued his not approval of this. He doesn't want this to go anywhere. He wants this to die and she knows what this effort is. She stated that she doesn't appreciate political manipulation to get the outcome that you want. She stated that if you wanted it tabled, then table it at the regular Council meeting. She stated that vote against it, make amendments to it, but to do political manipulation you don't need to and it seems like it is typically done with Bills that she introduces which typically tends to be for the unsheltered population or dealing with housing. She finds that to be very distasteful and would like it to be sent to Parks and Recreation. She stated let us discuss it, let us amend it, and let it be sent to the regular Council meeting and vote against it if you don't like it or propose something different.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he explained his reasons and stated that the mayor did not call him up.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that he said he did.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated no, he did not. He stated that it will go through Committee of the Whole as he said because of the impact it has on the entire city. Not just Parks and Recreation.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated not the push back that you are getting.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, that will conclude this meeting. Thank you.

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

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 7:10 PM

[15-6577](#)

Reference Materials:
Council Rules
Procurement Code
Ethics Code

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