



Minutes - Final

Public Works Committee

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call:Chair Zucal, Gerlach, Affa

[15-7437](#)

Bill 1

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.

Attachments: [Bill 1 Liquid Fuels Transfer](#)
[Ordinance #16095.pdf](#)

Mr. Mark Shahda stated good evening and thank you. He stated that this transfer is necessary due to an audit of the city's Liquid Fuels Fund covering the years of 2016 through 2020. He stated during that audit of the funding stating that anytime we pave a street with an inch or more of black top, they must obtain prior approval from the department of transportation. At no point, the previous audit was this issue was ever raised or brought to our attention. It wasn't until February 2024 that the state informed them that they were not in compliance. As a result, the city is required to reimburse the Liquid Fuels Account of \$1.7 million from the General Fund. He stated that once they became aware of this, they worked with the state to set up a repayment plan. The state agreed to allowed the city to make three payments of \$567,000 over the next three years. These funds are not going back to the stated, but they are being put back into our Liquor Fuels Fund where they can use that funding for future projects.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any questions from the dais.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he has one. He asked what was the depth they were using to pave.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that they were paving on average an inch and a half to two inches. He stated that the state unfortunately failed to notify the

city is the past that anytime they layover an inch of material, they have to obtain approval from PennDot. He stated that once they were made aware of that then that is when they came up with the new process.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if they will be able to use this going forward then for other projects.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that is correct

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated not losing it totally.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that they are not losing it or not giving it back to the state. He stated that this will go back to the Liquid Fuels Account and we will be able to use that funding for future projects.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Shahda.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from the public.

A motion was made by Candida Affa, seconded by Ce-Ce Gerlach, that this Bill is forwarded to the full Council.

Yes: 3 - Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach and Candida Affa

[15-7445](#)

Bill 8

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.

Attachments: [Bill 8 - MTF-DCED 17th Street](#)
[Ordinance #16101.pdf](#)

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that this is a \$250,000 MTF-DCED grant that they received. This grant here will cover the cost of the design to upgrade the intersections at 17th and Chew, 17th and Turner, 17th and Linden, and 17th and Walnut. These upgrades will provide pedestrian safety improvements, along with transportation improvements at these intersections.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he understands to get the \$250,000, the city has to

give \$75,000 back, right.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that is correct. He stated that is our match portion. He stated alright, any questions from the committee.

Ms. Candida Affa asked is this just traffic tickets.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated traffic signals, handicapped ramps, and also pedestrian countdown equipment.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked anybody else. He asked anybody else on Council. He asked if there was anybody from the public.

A motion was made by Candida Affa, seconded by Ce-Ce Gerlach, that this Bill is forwarded to the full Council.

Yes: 3 - Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach and Candida Affa

Adjournment: 5:34 PM