



Minutes - Final

Public Works Committee

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

6:15 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call: Chair Zucal, Santos, Hendricks

Public Comment

[15-6094](#)

Bill 78

Providing for the vacation of Dodge Street from the centerline of South Muhlenberg Street to the centerline of Vacated South Brighton Street in the Eighteenth Ward of the City of Allentown.

Attachments: [Bill 78 Dodge Street from the centerline of South Muhlenberg Street Vacation](#)
[Dodge Street Vacation Report](#)
[Planning Staff Report](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Dodge Street from S. Muhlenberg Street to S. 24th Street - Street Vacation](#)
[Dodge Street from South Muhlenberg Street to South 24th Street - Vacation Report](#)
[Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Letter regarding Dodge Street Vacation Petition](#)
[S. Muhlenberg Street S 24th Street Labels](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal asked Mr. Shahda if there were any comments.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that the Bureau of Engineering reviewed this request and there are no objections on their end. This portion of Dodge Street that is being vacated has not been approved upon in over 20 years. It is a paper alley. They feel that this is something that is necessary to allow for development. They are in full support of it.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there anybody from the public that wants to speak on this.

Ms. Irene Librach, 427 S. Muhlenberg Street, stated that Dodge Street that used to be there is right next to her property. She was trying to put a driveway next to her property. It would give her that extra little bit of space. It has not been open since she has lived there which is three years. There is a curb there and grass. All she wants to do is make it into a driveway.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked Ms. Librach if she is for this.

Ms. Irene Librach stated absolutely.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were anyone from his committee with comments.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Mr. Shahda if it is a grass alley that has been there for over 20 years.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that it is a grass alley. He stated for over 20 years.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked Ms. Santos if she had any comments.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated no comments.

A motion was made by Natalie Santos, seconded by Daryl Hendricks, that this Bill be forwarded to Council.

Yes: 3 - Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos and Daryl Hendricks

Enactment No: 15939

Approval of Minutes

[15-6126](#) July 26, 2023 Public Works Committee 2024 Budget Priorities Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [July 26, 2023 Public Works Committee 2024 Budget Priorities Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-6176](#) August 16, 2023 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [August 16, 2023 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

Adjournment: 6:17 PM