



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that they are going to start with an Invocation and a Moment of Silence for a gentleman named Dave Snyder. He stated that Dave Snyder served in the US Marine Corp. during the Vietnam War, but he also worked as a Civil Engineer for the city of Allentown for 44 years. He was also a photographer and a chronicler of local musicians and the local music scene. He was especially fond of blues and that includes Blues Festivals like Blues, Brews and Barbeque locally every year. He is also a long term member of the Recreation Board and the A Youth Program. He was also a coach at Dieruff and Mountainville. For many years. Dave was an active bowler and coach and he also played on the city hall bowling league for 50 years. He stated that this was a gentleman that was as Allentown as it gets and unfortunately, Mr. Snyder passed away. There is a memorial service set on Saturday, April 11th at 11:00 AM. He stated that he just wants to mention that he was an all Allentown gentleman and Council passes their condolences from the city of Allentown. He stated with that said, we will do an Invocation and a Moment of Silence.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

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.

Ms. Genesis Ortega stated that we have no Courtesy of the Floor.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok, so we will move along to Contract Approvals.

Contract Approvals

[15-8343](#)

R49

Authorization for Contract with GIS, LLC in the amount of \$82,400.00 to plan and design a new irrigation system for the Allentown Municipal Golf Course. Four (4) proposals were received; one (1) was rejected, contract shall be for two (2) years with three (3) additional one (1) year renewals beyond the contract expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R49 - GIS](#)

[Resolution #31249](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that it looks like we have one this evening stating R49.

Ms. Genesis Ortega read R49.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok, thank you. He asked is there any questions or comments from the dais and that includes for the administration. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public on R49.

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 31249

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-8354](#) March 18, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [March 18, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Communications

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he also wants to remind visitors to all City Council meetings stating that they are encouraged to park in the government deck next door to city hall and to please see our City Clerk for a Chaser to pay for your parking.

Old Business

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there was any Old Business this evening.

REPORTS

President Napoli: City Council will be holding a few Special Meetings, first is April 8th at 6 PM stating that is a discussion with the Allentown Parking Authority Executive Jon Haney; April 22nd at 6:00 PM for a discussion with ANIZDA Executive Director Steve Bamford; and April 29th at 5:30 for a discussion with AEDC Executive Director Scott Unger, followed by a review of Bill for Encampment legislation which should begin at approximately 6:30 PM. The meetings with APA, ANIZDA and AEDC are the better understanding of the operations of other entities in Allentown and how they are achieving their goals. It also gives them an opportunity to share what initiatives they are currently performing along with Plans for the future and lastly help Council identify any potential collaborations.

Budget and Finance: Chair Pungo, Mota, Gerlach

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting isn't scheduled yet.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Gerlach, Binder, Napoli

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting hasn't been scheduled.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Binder, Santos, Affa

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

Parks and Recreation: Chair Santos, Pungo, Binder

The Committee met this evening, the next meeting is scheduled for April 15 at 6:15 PM.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Mota, Santos

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

Public Works: Chair Mota, Pungo, Affa

The Committee met this evening, the next meeting is scheduled for April 15 at 5:30 PM.

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for April 8th at 5:45 PM.

Controller's Report:

The Controller has submitted two reports on garage billing and weekly checks.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier thanked Mr. Napoli and stated he does have a Report for Council and the public this evening. It is an Accounts Payable Weekly Check Review. The check period is the 4th of March until the 27th of March this year. He stated that they reviewed 323 checks and wires in that period for a little bit less than \$6 million and there were eight manual checks for \$84,000. He stated the finding we had was a noncompliance with a travel AIM. If you are going to take a trip, you are going to a conference, you are going to go some place, first you fill out a TRA saying what you are going to do and then when you return from the trip, you will fill out a TR. He stated then they can audit expenses against these forms. In this instance we found that an employee went to a conference. They did not stay over night. They communicated daily and the mileage was expensed to Account 28. It should have been expensed to Account 34. The difference is Account 28 is for using a vehicle for business. They are going to pick up a supply or for the police they are going to pick up a prisoner. As opposed to Account 34 which is what they used for training purposes. He stated that it took a little while to get to the bottom of this because a TRA nor a TER had been submitted. The department did submit them and the check was released. He stated that we have three checks that were expensed to the wrong expense accounts. The Department were advised and journal entries were corrected. There were 15 instances of untimely payments of invoices and by that we mean the invoice was older than 60 days. The departments were advised. They explained the reasons and the checks were all released and finally auditing runs on documentation. The documentation needs to be in Munis to support expenses. They were seven instances when documentation was not usually uploaded. The departments were advised and the documentation was uploaded and the checks were released. He stated that serves his Report.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated thank you, Mr. Glazier. He stated moving along, the Mayor's Report.

Mayor: No submission.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he did not submit anything, but very briefly, he appreciates Council approving or confirming Frank Kane as our managing director. He stated that the start date is going to be May 13th for Mr. Kane. He is completing his time at the county, but he is continuing to engage with various different folks in the administration and partners to make sure he hits the ground running. He stated to notify Council, his expectation is that Mr. Kane will be attending City Council meetings as the mayor's designee. He stated get used to seeing Frank Kane joining you on the first and third Wednesday. He should be able to answer any questions that City Council has in advanced. He encouraged them to use Mr. Kane as your contact point for the mayor's office and hopefully everything will go swimmingly after that. He stated that he also wants to report briefly that the city held an Easter Egg

Hunt for Allentown City kids and about 400 kids attended last Saturday. He stated very few crying kids and stated everybody got an egg and chocolate. He stated a lot of smiling kids enjoying time with an Easter Bunny. He stated that they did an amazing job bringing our community together. He stated that they are looking forward to see them all at future events like that one and stated that is the extend of his Report, Mr. president.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Mayor Tuerk and stated just to clarify is it May 13th or April 13th.

Mayor Matt Tuerk asked did he say May.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated you said May.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated April 13th.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated you confirmed that April 13th will be his start date.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that is correct. He stated although he tells them and thinks they all know this, his (Mr. Kane) email address is active so you can start filling his inbox with things you want him to answer. You can start scheduling meetings with him and putting on the calendar now and he will be very surprised when he finds everything on April 13th. Thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated alright, thank you. He stated moving along, they are going to go to Ordinances for final passage. He stated that they will start with Bill 23.

[15-8362](#) Controller Reports

Attachments: [Check Review](#)

[Garage Billing](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-8314](#) Bill 23
Amending the 2026 Trexler Fund Springwood Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$13,468.81) from the Springwood Trust portion of the Trexler Fund's unappropriated 2026 balance per General Trexler's will.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 23 Springwood 2026 Appropriation](#)

[Ordinance #16205](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Ms. Ortega and stated that this was in Chair Santos committee. He asked if there was any feedback from the committee.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated that it was forwarded favorably to the full Council.

Mr. Santo Napoli thanked Ms. Santos. He asked any questions or comments from the dais. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 16205

[15-8315](#)

Bill 24

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of One Million Eighty-Seven Thousand and Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$1,087,390.00) to fund the upgrade to the intersection of 19th Street and Roth Avenue as part of the Green Light Go (GLG) Grant the City was awarded. This grant is partially reimbursable and requires match funding.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 24 GLG Funding](#)
[Ordinance #16206](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated thank you and this was in Ms. Mota's committee this evening.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated yes, thank you Mr. president stating this was forwarded favorably to full Council.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok, great. He asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues.

Mr. Cristian Pungo stated that there is just one.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated alright Mr. Pungo. He stated during the meeting, they discussed that this is a matching grant so they will be matching 199,000 roughly of it, it was a note of \$89,000 being a supplemental appropriation coming from the General Fund. He just wants to know he will be reaching out to the Director of Finance to make sure just kind of how we are appropriating that and where the transfers are coming from, but otherwise he is all for it. He stated that the positive thing of this is that we get the money and then they could get the (inaudible). She stated so that is positive.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public on Bill 24. He stated ok, can you call the vote, please.

Ms. Genesis Ortega stated that Bill 24 and asked for the vote.

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 16206

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Santo Napoli stated on to our Consent Agenda stating there is one item on the Agenda this evening.

[15-8345](#)

R50

Sewage Planning Module at ASD – SSDLIA – Modular Building

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [R 50 Allentown School District ASD SSDLIA - Modular Building - Sewer Planning Module](#)
[ASD SSDLIA Mod Bldg Sewer Planning Module](#)
[Resolution #31250](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok and asked if there were any questions or comments on R50. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 31250

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-8346](#)

R51

A Resolution of the City of Allentown, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting the Pennsylvania commission for the United States semi-quincentennial (America250PA).

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R51 - America250PA](#)
[Resolution #31251](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok, thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok, thank you. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the administration on R51.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he is looking forward to celebrating the 250th officially here in the city of Allentown with your approval.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from the dais or the public on R51.

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 31251

[15-8355](#)

R52

A Resolution of the City of Allentown, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, confirming the Administration's sale of City-Owned Real Property at 1001-1007 W. Hamilton St. Allentown PA, Identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 549699283455 to the Allentown Art Museum

Attachments: [R52 - 1001-1007 Hamilton](#)
[SLAW-E0005826032610130](#)
[Resolution #31252](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments and stated he is sorry and asked if there were any comments from the administration on this Resolution.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated by way of brief introduction, so about two years ago Council gave the administration permission to dispose of the property at 10th and Hamilton Street where our police are currently mustering. He stated that they are giving him permission to enter into and this allowed us to put it into or onto the market in collaboration with Allentown Parking Authority. At the time, the intent was to transact the property for the city to sell it to the Allentown Parking Authority and then for the Allentown Parking Authority to bundle the two parcels. He stated that city owned property and the Allentown Parking Authority property and sell those to whoever is the highest bidder or the appropriate bidder was. He stated that they are now at the point where they had a bidder and you know it was the Allentown Art Museum. They have an Agreement of Sale. He stated that we are looking for Council to now instead of the initial Resolution giving permission to execute an Agreement, now they are saying the agreement will be with the Allentown Art Museum. Where they will transact directly to the Art Museum and then the Parking Authority will transact their property directly to the Art Museum. He stated that the hope they will be able to close more expeditiously through this process. He stated that it is a simple Resolution

that will allow us to self - direct them.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated thanks for the background. He asked if there were any comments from the dais on R52.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she is just glad that it is the Art Museum who is purchasing it. She asked what is the Plan. Is it a Plan to demolish it and build or they are planning to.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he can speak and stated that the intent he believes and haven't seen full plans from the Art Museum as part of the presentation and as part of the RFP. The intent is to build a new multi - story Art Museum at the corner of 10th and Hamilton on top of the site of what will be the former and it goes back to it is a fur retailer at some point. They will demolish the building on 10th and Hamilton and build something for the downtown.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated nice. Thank you.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any comments from the public on R52.

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Santo Napoli, Jeremy Binder, and Cristian Pungo

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 31252

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

[15-8344](#)

Bill 26

Amending Article VIII, Allentown Parking Authority, by removing the requirement that a member of the Parking Authority must also be a representative of the AEDC, allowing the Mayor to designate and Council to approve any resident of the City of Allentown.

Sponsors: Napoli and Binder

Attachments: [Bill 26 APA Board Membership Ordinance](#)

[Current Code: Allentown Parking Authority](#)

[APA Articles of Incorporation with creating ordinance](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any comments from the public on Bill 26.

Dr. Cynthia Mota asked what was the problem before that the city is removing the requirement.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that so currently the board member of the Parking Authority must come from the AEDC board and this Bill removes this requirement and it enables it to be a resident of the city of Allentown versus someone from the AEDC board. He stated that it will make the board a little bit more diverse and a little bit more community oriented.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated just a note of appreciation to Council and stated the original ordinance that created the Allentown Parking Authority in 1984 called for the members of the Parking Authority to be the Director of Finance of the city of Allentown, a representative from City Council, a representative from Allentown Economic Development Corporation and two members of the public at large. It is very different times in Allentown's history. He stated that he appreciates Council taking a look at some of those older ordinances to bring them more inline with where we are right now. He stated to Council President Napoli's point, this will allow us to not be constrained to a member of the Allentown Economic Development Corporation, but to look more broadly. He stated that he will still take the opportunity to make the pitch and stated there are vacancies on all of our boards and commissions stating if you are a member of the public and you are out there listening and you are a resident of the city of Allentown. He stated that he invites them to check out the Boards, Authorities, and Commissions page on the AllentownPA.gov webpage to learn more about ways that you can contribute to public service here in the city of Allentown. He stated whether it is a member of the Parking Authority or the Redevelopment Authority or the board of Parks and Recreation. He stated that Dave Snyder served out city for decades as a member of that board and it was much appreciated contribution and he encouraged everybody to get involved in it and do their part for the city.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated thank you for the background and thank you she thinks it is important.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated for sure.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated thank you for this information.

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE RULES, CHAMBERS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE.

[15-8347](#)

Bill 27 Refer to Parks and Recreation Committee
Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eight Hundred Thousand (\$800,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development

(DCED) to support construction of the MLK Trail Phase 2.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 27 - MLK Trail DCED MTF Grant](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated ok and asked if there were any questions or comments from the public on Bill 27.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-8349](#)

Bill 28 Refer to Parks and Recreation Committee
Amending the 2026 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Sixteen Thousand (\$16,000) Dollars from Urban Sustainability Director's Network (USDN) to conduct a pilot citizen science project with the City of Easton, Community Bike Works, and Pennsylvania State University.

Attachments: [Bill 28 - USDN Catalyst Fund](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there are any questions or comments from the public on Bill 28.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-8348](#)

Bill 29 Refer to Public Works Committee
Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Five Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$5,050,000.00) to fund the approved Public Works capital projects as part of the 2026 Capital borrowing.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 29 - Public Works Capital Funding Appropriation](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there are any questions or comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-8353](#)

Bill 30 Refer to Parks and Recreation Committee
Amending the 2026 Trexler, General, and Golf Funds to accommodate a change in grade, title, and FCD for the Project Coordinator position in Parks and Recreation to Project Manager to align with job duties and allow for consistent staffing and professional project management in Parks and Recreation. The entirety of this increase will be covered by the Trexler Fund in 2026 and all future years by way of increasing the portion of salary (FCD) paid by Trexler.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 30 - Trexler Parks Project Coordinator Upgrade](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli asked if there were any questions or comments from the public on Bill 30.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 6:53 PM