



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, January 18, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Invocation:

#### Pledge to the Flag

#### Roll Call

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

#### Courtesy of the Floor

#### Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Ms. Dawn Godshall, Community Action Development Corporation, 523 N. Seventh Street, talked about making decisions on ARPA funding and investing \$3 million for the youth in the city.

Mr. Don Ringer, 1801 Liberty Street, talked about the safety in the city. He stated that the city of Allentown has one of the best parks systems in the country. He congratulated Mr. Napoli.

Ms. Betty Cauler talked about the Allentown Parking Authority and looked over the Administrative Code - Title 11, Member of the Board and made a complaint stating it is a conflict of interest. She asked about the financial records stating Allentown Parking Authority is a tax-exempt organization. There are three members on the board of the Allentown Parking Authority and makes it a conflict of interest. Who can change a street from parking to no parking. How much do they give to the city?

Ms. Candida Affa stated that it is being addressed.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they are well aware of it. He suggested Ms. Cauler come to Allentown Parking Authority meeting next Wednesday at noon.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated to Ms. Cauler to go to the Allentown Parking Authority meeting. Council needs to do something about this.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated Dr. Mota, Julio was president when they initially agreed to have that meeting. She asked for a goal to have the meeting.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that at the Parking Authority they did speak on having Parking Night in City Council Chambers quarterly. The pandemic stopped everything. The Parking Authority created a dispatch line and had 15,000 calls last year.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated to Ms. Cauler that Council has her phone number and all her information.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated pretty close to zero.

Ms. Jessica Ortiz, 113 N. Ninth Street - Executive Director of Ortiz Ark, stated that she is very supportive to a community center. She stated that there has been a lot of money being disbursed for violence, for crime, and the numbers continue to rise. She asked Council to look into when money is disbursed and seeing if the work is being done.

Ms. Jean Raymond Hoffman, 219 N. Sixth Street, stated that she is here to represent the Community Youth Center and Workforce Development for all of us and our youth.

Mr. Craig Taylor, Coordinator for Urban Career Development Pathways, spoke on what they can do for the youth and gave information on what is already in existence.

### **Reorganization:**

#### **A. Election of the President and Vice President of Council**

**Council will elect a President and Vice President at its organizational meeting. The President or Acting President will first take nominations from the floor for Council President. Each Councilperson can only make one nomination. After the nominations have been made by councilpersons, the President may offer a nomination. The potential candidates shall be voted on as nominated. The first candidate to receive a majority vote will become the President. The procedures will be the same for the election of the Vice President. (30154 3/3/2021)**

**If a Councilperson is not able to attend such meeting, they may participate in the election of the president by phone. (26643 10/21/92; 28613 8/5/09)**

**15-5592** Council President

Ms. Candida Affa nominated Daryl Hendricks for Council President.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach nominated Cynthia Mota for Council President.

#### **Vote on Daryl Hendricks as Council President**

**Yes:** 5 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, and Santo Napoli

**No:** 2 - Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Natalie Santos

**15-5593** Mr. Daryl Hendricks nominated Cynthia Mota for Council Vice President.

**Vote on Cynthia Mota as Council Vice President**

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

Mr. Daryl Hendricks commended his predecessors Ms. Mota and Mr. Zucal for prepping the new administration on the importance of City Council. He thanked his colleagues that voted for him tonight.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was an honor to be the president and stated that she learned a lot.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she is so proud of Ms. Mota and a woman and a Latina woman that worked hard. She stated that when Mr. Hendricks was president before it was a tough time. He served during Covid. She thanked Mr. Hendricks and the employees.

**Contract Approvals: There are no contracts for approval.**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting: There are no minutes for approval.**

**Communications: NONE**

**Old Business: NONE**

**REPORTS**

**Confirmation Hearing:** Council will conduct a confirmation hearing on January 25 to act on the Mayor's nominee for the Parks and Recreation Director, the exact time to be determined.

**Special Meeting:** Council will conduct a special meeting on February 8 on funding related to the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Act. The specific time and agenda is forthcoming.

**Special Committee on Penalty Review (Gerlach, Santos, Zucal):** The committee met this evening; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

**Budget and Finance: Acting Chair Hendricks, Santos**

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is not yet scheduled. There are items that need to be addressed - a resolution related to an audit, a bill modifying the language in the code relating to the payment of property taxes to comply with PA Act 57, and a review of the monthly financials.

**Community and Economic Development: Chair Gerlach, Mota**

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

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

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

**Parks and Recreation: Chair Affa, Gerlach, Santos**

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

**Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Zucal, Affa**

The Committee met this evening; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

**Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Hendricks**

The Committee met this evening; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.  
The Committee

**Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations, and Strategy: Chair Mota, Zucal, Gerlach**

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; we will schedule a meeting soon to deal with a number of items that have been referred to the committee.

**Controller's Report (3 minutes)**

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier went over the Accounts Payable Weekly Check Review.

**Mayor's Report (3 minutes)**

None

[15-5587](#) Controller's Reports

**Attachments:** [Bank Rec Jan 11](#)  
[Golf Course Inventory Jan 5](#)  
[PCard Jan 3](#)  
[AP Jan 5](#)

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

**CONSENT AGENDA: NONE**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

[15-5566](#) R23  
Authorizes a land swap of City-owned land along Pump Place Road to 401 N. Front St, LLC in exchange for the dedicated and opened land along the eastern side of the Neuweiler Brewery lot, along the former railroad tracks, for the continued use as a right-of-way for Riverside Drive at the Waterfront.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R23 - Pump Place Land Swap](#)  
[REPORT OF THE PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE - Pump Place ROW Land Swap \(2\)](#)  
[Pump Place Park Land 12-1-22 \(1\)](#)  
[Pump Place - 401 N. Front St. EXHIBIT B - Legal Description](#)  
[Pump Place - 401. N Front St EXHIBIT A - Survey Map](#)  
[Resolution #30577](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was sent favorably to Council.

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

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

Enactment No: 30577

[15-5565](#)

R24

Authorizes the Administration to Enter a Land Swap with the Allentown Community Development Company to provide them with a second means of ingress/egress to the Penn Square Flats development and will serve to realign and improve existing access currently used by the City to access utilities and drainage facilities, provide stormwater drainage access needed by the City of Allentown's Department of Public Works, and help preserve the steep slopes along Constitution Drive.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R24 Allentown Community Development Company Land Swap](#)

[EXHIBIT A](#)

[EXHIBIT B](#)

[EXHIBIT C](#)

[EXHIBIT D](#)

[Resolution #30578](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was sent favorably.

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

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

Enactment No: 30578

[15-5468](#)

R26

Approves a Sister City relationship between the City of Allentown and Santo Domingo Este, Dominican Republic

**Sponsors:** Mota, Affa, Hendricks, Napoli and Administration

**Attachments:** [R26 Sister City Santo Domingo Este Dominican Republic](#)

[Quick Guide to Establishing a Sister City Program Toolkit FINAL](#)

[Allentown PA - Tiberias Israel](#)

[Resolution #30579](#)

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

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she would like her fellow members to support this Resolution. The city already has three Sister Cities: Poland, France and in 1977 Mayor Daddona named a City Sister of Tiberias. There are over 20,000 Dominican people in the city of Allentown.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated recently Ms. Mota made a trip to the Dominican Republic along with the mayor.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that the Mayor from the Dominican Republic came around two year's ago.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks wished them goodwill. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 30579

[15-5575](#)

R27

Approves two transfers placing money into the proper accounts per the Controller: \$9,600 transfer in Fire to place the funds for Samsara Dashboard Access into a proper account; and \$725,000 in Public Works related to the garage - \$500,000 from Account 46 to Account 42; and \$225,000 from Account 72 and 54. (The Samsara Dashboard GPS Camera system is in the Fire Vehicles – the cost covers the licensing, hardware, and support services. The City Controller wants the cost to be taken out of the 46 account for all departments. The had it budgeted in the 42 account.)

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R27 Transfer Funds](#)

[Improper Budget Account for Dashboard Access](#)

[Money Being Transferred from Account 46 to Account 42 To Cover Repairs to Vehicles by Outside Agencies](#)

[Resolution #30580](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 30580

[15-5585](#)

R28

Authorizes the Submission of the Formal Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Grant of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to support the Resurrected Community Development Corporation Inc. with the rehabilitation of early education facility.

**Attachments:** [R28 Resurrected Community Development Corporation](#)

[Resolution #30581](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 30581

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to Committee with public comment prior to referral): NONE**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee): NONE**

[15-5580](#)

R29 Refer to Community and Economic Development  
Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 322 N. 8th Street

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R29 HARB DENIAL - 322 N 8th St](#)  
[322 N 8th St Final Review](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from his colleagues. He asked Ms. Kistler to address where this is.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it will be referred to committee.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that it will be referred to for discussion.

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

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Cynthia Mota commended the police, EMS and other people that did such a great job for the Trench Collapse Rescue. She stated that Mr. Zucal was there.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this was the collapse just off of 15th Street where the gentleman was trapped.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that before he was involved in police work, he spent five years volunteered with EMS doing it as a living. He took many classes from FEMA and they were told about cave collapses and trench rescues. He watched what they were doing to shore the ground and taking your time. He congratulated the rescue team.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that the taxpayers should be well pleased by the conduct and performance.

**GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE**

**ADJOURNED: 7:20 PM**

