



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

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.

The Co - Chair of Commission on Homelessness, stated that she has some handouts if that is ok. She stated sorry, some of it is not stapled and there are probably way more copies. She stated that they tried to be added to an agenda to have a little bit more than five minutes and she is probably going to go over so she apologized because it is a lot to cover in

this request. She stated that she is here representing the Commission as she said and they know that the budget has already been written, but it has not been approved, but they really would like you to consider adding a line item that would impact the lives of our unsheltered neighbors. She stated on the handouts that she gave them is a summary of the five requests and then the breakdown of how \$100,000 could be used to help our unsheltered neighbors and then of course, there is a return on investment. Benefits for the community on each items. She stated that she would just begin with like and so she wrote some information. She stated that our city stands at a crossroads. One defined by economic development, infrastructure, and public safety, but by who we choose to care for, our most vulnerable neighbors. The unsheltered community, individual experiencing homelessness in our streets, parks, and public spaces are not just a social issue to be managed. They are human beings. A budget is more than numbers on a spreadsheet. It reflects our priorities and our values and our vision for who belongs in our city and if we are not explicitly budgeting for the needs of the unsheltered people, then they are implicitly deciding that they don't matter. Allocating general funds without specifically specificity often leads to inaction. When resources for homelessness are buried within broader categories are left to discretionary spending, they become the first to be cut and the last to be tracked. Line items on the other hand signal commitment to create transparency, ensure accountability and allow the city to measure impact over time. The Commission respectfully ask you to consider the following critical needs that require targeted funding. Hotel funding for imminent risk situations. She stated emergency hotel funding is urgently needed because they are currently no available emergency shelter space equip to accommodate medically individuals or families with children or pets without appropriate shelter options, those vulnerable populations face heightened health and safety risks, including exposure to harsh weather, worsening medical conditions and family separation. Homeless diversion funds will be designated to support households classified under Category 2. Those are imminent risks of homelessness. These funds will be used for implementing targeted preventive strategies ending at stabilizing housing situations and avoiding entry to homelessness. Portable restrooms, handwashing stations and hygiene stations are urgently needed in multiple wards across the city near encampments where unsheltered individuals reside. She stated that many encampments lack access to basic sanitation, clean water, creating serious public health and safety concerns. Installing these facilities will help prevent the spread of disease, promote hygiene and most importantly with dignity among the unhoused residents and reduced the environmental and community impacts associated with the absence of proper sanities and infrastructure. Funding will be allocated for the purpose of gift cards to compensate unsheltered and formally unsheltered individuals who volunteers their time and insights. She stated that these gifts cards will be

distributed compensation for participation in the Homeless Advisory Board for the Commission on the Homelessness. She stated that this approach not only recognize and value a lived experience in shaping an effective outreach strategies, but also fosters trust and engagement among individuals experiencing homelessness. funding laundry services of homelessness individuals and essential support of public health, personal dignity, and community well being. She stated that many people experiencing homelessness lack access to affordable and convenient laundry facilities forcing them to wear soiled clothing for an extended amount of time. By supporting the existing laundry service here in Allentown called Loads of Blessings. The city can address basic human needs, improve public sanitation and contribute to a healthier more compassionate community. She stated that one note, Loads of Blessings is the only program in the entire Lehigh Valley and both counties where anyone without question can go there and get a free load of laundry completed. She stated a wash, a dry, soap and even some connection to resources and even some dinner. She stated that is the only place in the entire Lehigh Valley. She stated that she knows her time is up. She asked if she could continue and stated that it is not much more.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated go ahead and finish up.

The Co - Chair of the Commission on Homelessness stated that Homeless Service Providers should have access to the city's GIS system to enhance coordination efficiency and accuracy in serving unsheltered individuals. She stated that real time geographic data allows providers to identify encampment locations, track outreach efforts and respond quickly to changing conditions such as weather emergencies or encampment displacements. She stated that she knows that they are all aware that there are two encampments about to be cleared on November 10th and one of November 17th right along Jordan Creek. She stated that she knows that this is due to the floodplains, however, this disruption for individuals to continue to move is detrimental to people's health and safety. She stated when providers cannot find their clients such as Streets, medicine who is providing life caring, life sustaining medical attention, it can hurt not only kill a person for them not to be able to find them. Utilizing this GIS System that is already in existence in the system in the city of Allentown with outreach workers would be critical in keeping in touch with where there people are located. She stated those are the asks. They are on the line items and how we have it. She stated separated you will notice in the document that she gave clear of why you should do this. There is a return on investment for caring for individuals, even for these small items. Is this the solutions for homelessness for long-term, no. It is not a long-term solution. This is things that they need right now to be able to care for our unsheltered neighbors. She asked do we need a plan? A one year plan. A two year

plan. A five year plan. Yes, we need to continue working as a commission with the community so we can develop that and get real buy in, not only from the city of Allentown because she recognize Council and this administration cannot do this on their own. It has to be a regional solution. It has to be between Council, counties, governments, healthcare systems, providers, faith-based groups. She stated citizens to be able to figure out what the long-term solutions for our unsheltered neighbors are. She stated that people are getting pushed around from here to there and everywhere with no place to go. There is no land for people to lay their bodies down at night and rest their heads. Failing to invest in the unsheltered community would cost the city far more in the long run. Through emergency services, hospital visits, policing, sanitation, and public complaints. Studies across the nation have shown that housing first approaches and preventative care dramatically reduces costs and improves outcomes. If they want to spend smarter. The answer is to invest early and directly. Adding a dedicated line item to the city budget for unsheltered support isn't just good governance, it is an act of courage and compassion. It tells the community that we see every resident housed and unhoused are worthy of care. It acknowledges that we cannot build a thriving city by ignoring those who live in the margins. She stated that let this be the year, be the one where our budget reflects the inclusive humane and forward thinking city we strive to be. She stated thank you very much.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you.

The Co - Chair of the Commission stated if you have any questions, and stated that she knows that they are not allowed to ask questions. She stated everybody has her email address and her phone number. She stated call her. Email her and she will be happy to go over anything in the documents that she submitted. She stated thank you very much.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you and said good evening.

Ms. Barbara Redmond, Improving Lives - Allentown, stated good evening. She stated that it is very unfortunate that in the city of Allentown that St James Zion Church is being ticketed during funerals. She stated that they have no parking spaces for a large funeral. The last couple large funerals they had, the cars were ticketed and we want to know why for 23 years, they never had a problem until Tuerk came into office. She stated that they are going to have a funeral on November 14th for our (inaudible) elder and people from all over the country are going to be there. She stated that she will just pray that you don't have any embarrassment to our church again and have our cars ticketed. It is not fair. She stated that is a Black community stated we mind our own business. They only have a large amount of cars when they have large funerals and it is very unfair and

unfortunate that they have to be ticketed. She stated that she would like that they would even consider looking into the problem and not having us being ticketed.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Redmond. He asked Mr. Hanlon anybody else.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated nope. That's it.

Mr. Lewis Shupe, 101 Hamilton Street, stated what he is about to say is related to what they just said about the homeless situation here in Allentown as well the cameras that he spoke about earlier. All databases will be used for unintended purposes. He stated that this is a maximum that he has heard and used for the past 30 to 35 years. He has abuse more than enough databases in his day so he is quite familiar with the process. He asked will the city do to protect that data. What will the city do to protect the data from those camera databases that are automatically uploaded to the federal government. What will the city do to protect the homeless people that are entered into this geographical information system database. How will they be protected. He stated think about it. Thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you. Ok, we are going to move on to Contract Approvals.

[15-8137](#) November 5, 2025 Handout Distributed during Courtesy of the Floor

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Attachments: [November 5, 2025 Handout Distributed during Courtesy of the Floor.pdf](#)

Contract Approvals

[15-8049](#) R153
Authorization for Contract with Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc. and Cogan Firearms LLC (d/b/a 360 Precision) in the combined amount of \$88,210.00, each vendor is being awarded the items for which they submitted the lowest line-item price in the bid, for the purchase and delivery of firearms and related accessories for use by the sworn personnel of the Allentown Police Department. Two (2) bids were received, contract shall be for one (1) year with one (1) additional one (1) year renewals beyond the contract expiration period.

Attachments: [R153 - Firearms Resolution #31146.pdf](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as Bid #2025-43 APD Firearms. It was advertised on Public Purchase on September 11, 2025.

The public opening was held on October 9, 2025. The city received two bids. Upon reviewing the Bids, it was determined to award both vendors the items they bid lowest on.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you. He asked any 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

[15-8050](#)

R154

Authorization for a Receivables Contract with Ross Body & Frame Works Inc (d/b/a A-1 Towing), with a revenue generating total of \$1,085,100.00 for year 2026, 2027, and 2028, and a the estimated expense amount of \$4,000.00 per year for the contractor to tow City vehicles at one-half the rates established in the bid. This contract is to hire a highly qualified company to provide towing, storage and impounding services to the City of Allentown, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The City shall at all times receive priority service. Work under this project shall include locked, fence-enclosed lighted compound area, preferably attended for security purposes. This project was competitively bid, one (1) response was received. The contract shall commence on January 1, 2026, and shall be for three (3) years with two (2) additional one (1) year renewals beyond the contract expiration period.

Attachments: [R154 - Ross Body](#)
[Resolution #31147.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as Bid #2025-47, Towing Services rebid. It was advertised on Public Purchase on September 22, 2025. The public opening was held on October 20, 2025. The city received one bid and after the department reviewed the proposal, they are recommending the award to the sole bidder, Ross Body & Frame Works Inc.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. McNeil and asked if there are 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

[15-8052](#)

R155

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for Brown Daub Chevrolet of Nazareth

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R155 Cooperative Approval - 11.05](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this is being utilized using a CO-STARS Contract.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he has a question.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes, sir. He asked is these vehicles that were in last year's budget purchased in the 2025 budget.

Assistant Chief James Gress stated that this is to replace Command One. That is a police SUV that used by the Shift Lieutenant that was totaled not too long ago. It was one of the ones that was removed from last year's budget The Police Van as totaled, but Command One was also totaled recently. but the Police van was damaged in an accident one year this month and it is still being repaired. The other police van is 120,000 on it. The cost of the two of them together to replace them are \$110,000 total.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked so where is the money coming from.

Assistant Chief James Gress stated that the funds are being transferred from the technology budget. He stated that they have a budget number somewhere from last year. That was money that was rolled over from last year's budget from the technology account.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that they have the money to buy it and stated alright, thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked 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

[15-8051](#)

R156

Authorization for a change order in the amount of \$153,165.00 with Michael Baker International to provide technical assistance and assist the City with compliance with its HUD Entitlement Programs and other grant programs as needed. Specific compliance reports and activities include but are not limited to the Five-Year Community and Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, Analysis of Impediments to further

Fair Housing and Environmental Reviews. The original contract was for an estimated \$100,000.00 per contract year, the addition would bring the contract to a new total of \$253,165.00.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R156 .Michael Baker](#)
[Resolution #31149.pdf](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this is a previously awarded contract to request additional funds using the vendors consisting with the more complex environmental reviews. Do to the cost of the Change Order exceeding 10 percent of the contract amount is being presented here to Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you and asked if there were any questions and stated Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that how can it be possible that you can be off more then what the original contract was.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that there was a correction to the mayor.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated ok. They had two separate contracts and inadvertently they were added and instead of having the two separate contracts added together and only one amount was forwarded. She stated that they are short money because of the way the two contracts were inadvertently combined. She stated that this Change Order amount justifies the problem with the two contracts. Environmental reviews are what we have to do every time we do a rehab or a remodel or anything to do with federal money on any of these blighted properties and they are very expensive. They had a \$53,000 and a \$100,000 contract and unfortunately it got entered as the total of 100,000 and now they need the Change Order to combine and yet appropriately the \$153,000. She stated that this is federal money. She stated that this is not city general fund money and this is not getting the contract correct for the requirements by HUD.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated so the original one should have been \$253,000.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated correct.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes, ok.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated \$153,000 and \$100,000. Instead it went in as \$100,000 and that is why we are doing the Change Order.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated thank you president Hendricks.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked anybody else. He stated Ms. Gerlach.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she remembers a while ago HUD was here and they gave us technical assistance for free. She stated that they helped us with these sorts of things. She stated that she doesn't know if that is the type of technical assistance they gave us.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated no, HUD gives us technical assistance on how to enter into their billing system on how to monitor agencies appropriately spending their money. She stated that Michael Baker is our consultant and as we move through each of these individual properties and each of these individual contracts. She stated that when this particular case, Michael Baker is actually doing the research and environmental review of the properties that we are moving forward. She stated that they can do some of the minor ones in-house, but the major complicated ones we need your help. They look for things such as underground storage tanks below the properties from decades and decades ago. She stated hazards in the soil that could come up on how much depth. If it is going to be a playground or if it is going to be an inhabited house. She stated that these environmental reviews and said they can do some of them in our planning department, but we can't do the really complicated ones.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok, got you. She stated that the technical assistance the HUD provides is different. It is applications and what not. She stated not this.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated correct.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach thanked Ms. Kistler.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated you are welcome.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked is it 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

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-8032](#) September 3, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [September 3, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

[15-8036](#) October 15, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes (Bill 69 and Bill 70)

Attachments: [October 15, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes \(Bill 69 and Bill 70\).pdf](#)

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

[15-8038](#) October 15, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [October 15, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

Communications

Mr. Santo Napoli stated regarding parking and stated that if anyone is coming to City Council meetings, they encourage you to park in the government deck next door and to see our City Clerk for a Chaser to pay for your parking. He stated thank you.

Old Business

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that there is nothing for Old Business.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she has a quick question. She asked when will the Committee of the Whole meeting be to discuss Bill 83. She stated it was the one that was supposed to go to her committee and then.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he would be conferring with Mr. Hanlon on that and get it done as soon as possible. They are going to get the budget items out of the way first.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok, she just wants to make sure that her emails came through. She stated alright, wonderful and thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated you're welcome. He stated moving on to Reports.

REPORTS**Budget Meeting: Council President Hendricks**

We will be scheduled a special meeting on November 19th at 5:30 PM to act on proposed budget amendments and motions relating to the entire budget; the plan will then be to adopt the budgets at the regularly scheduled December 3rd council meeting.

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Santos, Gerlach

The Committee met on October 22 at 6 PM, the next meeting is scheduled for November 12 at 5:30 PM.

Community and Economic Development, Chair Mota, Hendricks, Napoli

The Committee met on October 22 at 6:30 PM, the next meeting is scheduled for November 12 at 6 PM.

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

The Committee met on October 29th at 6 PM, there are no future meetings scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Santos, Affa

The Committee met on October 29th at 6:30 PM, the next meeting is scheduled for November 19th, stating that they don't have a time yet.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Zucal, Mota

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

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Gerlach, Affa

The Committee met this evening, the next meeting is scheduled for November 19th, time to be determined and there is one item on tonight's agenda.

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.

Controller's Report

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated thank you Mr. president and stated no report this evening.

Mayor: The mayor has not submitted anything for this evening.

[15-8078](#)

Controller Reports

Attachments: [Accounts Payable](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

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](#)
[Ordinance #16173.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and stated that it was in your committee this evening

Ms. Candida Affa stated (inaudible).

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

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

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](#)
[Ordinance #16174.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and stated that this was in your committee, Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes, and it was sent favorably.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you and asked if there were any other 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

[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](#)
[Ordinance #16175.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon. He stated that this was also in your committee, Ms. Affa.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that it was sent favorably.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other 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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that we have three items on the Consent Agenda. He stated that one is a Sewage Planning Module at 1047 W Hamilton Street. He stated that the other is a Sewage Planning Module at 12th Street for the 12th Street Apartments. He stated that the last one is a Certificate of Appropriateness at 427 N. Lumber Street.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon. 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

[15-8039](#)

R157

Sewage Planning Module at 1047 W Hamilton Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R157 1047 W Hamilton Street - Sewage Planning Module.doc](#)
[Sewage Planning Module - 1047 W Hamilton Street.pdf](#)
[Resolution #31150.pdf](#)

[15-8070](#)

R158

S 12th Street Apartments - Sewage Planning Module

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R158 S 12th Street Apartments - Sewage Planning Module.doc](#)
[Exchange 32 LLC - S. 12th Street Apartment - Sewage Planning Module.pdf](#)
[Resolution #31151.pdf](#)

[15-8048](#)

R159
427 N Lumber Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R159 - HARB Resolution.docx](#)
[FINAL Review 427 N Lumber St - Window \(v2\).pdf](#)
[Resolution #31152.pdf](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-8060](#)

R160
Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant of One Million One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Dollars (\$1,121,000.00) to support Phoebe Ministries.

Attachments: [R160 - Phoebe Ministries RACP](#)
[Resolution #31153.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon 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

[15-8061](#)

R161
Authorizes the submission of a Formal Application for the Local Share Account (LSA) Grant by the City of Allentown for funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Services in the amount of approximately Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to conduct a feasibility study on converting select one-way streets into two-way streets.

Attachments: [R161 - Public Works Traffic LSA](#)
[Resolution #31154.pdf](#)

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

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

[15-8062](#)

R162

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of Ripple Community, Inc. to support the redevelopment and repurposing of a historic Allentown building located at 1547 W. Chew Street.

Attachments: [R162 - Ripple Community LSA](#)
[Resolution #31155.pdf](#)

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

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he believes that it was a lot of community uproar on this because it is going to be converted into a facility where he believes they were also seeking to provide medical treatment. He stated that he is curious whether or not if grants were approved or permits were approved.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that Local Share Grant awards are simply pass-throughs to the city. She stated that this is an application for Ripple Inc for a pass through grant that has support of the legislatures on the state level. She stated so this is really the city submitting on behalf of that. She stated that it is her understanding that there are representatives here she believes from Ripple who could speak more to where they stand at this point, but she does believe that they are proceeding.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated his question was have the permits been granted from the city to convert this.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that she does not believe there are permits granted as of yet.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated ok. Alright, thank you.

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

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

[15-8058](#)

R163

Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant of Twenty-one Million (\$21,00,000) to support the Allentown Art Museum.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R163 Art Mus revised.docx](#)
[Resolution #31156.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok. He stated to Mr. Hanlon, you said \$21 million.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yeah, he did.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that is a mistake on yours. It is \$21 million.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated it is \$21 million and stated ok.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated wait, \$21 million.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated yep.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach state whoa and stated good for them.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that is \$775,000.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated no, it is \$21 million, not \$75.

Ms. Candida Affa stated instead of (inaudible).

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that is a mistake. He stated that he is telling Council it is a mistake on their agenda. On the correct agenda, it is \$21 million.

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

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked what does she have to Google to learn more about this RACP. She asked how does this works. She stated wow, \$20 million. She stated that it would be interested to see like how does one know, an entity know to apply. How does RACP determine that an Art Museum needs \$21 million versus a homeless shelter.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that she can certainly forward information that is available on the website for these grants. These grants typically has to have some support of elected officials at levels above them in order to get into a competitive process. She stated kind of like when people apply for federal tax credits. They get evaluated on the state level. They get awarded based on merit and chosen by those of us. She stated that RACPs are a little different then local shares. There are some idiosyncrasies between them and she can certainly forward them more information on all the different grants. She stated that the city acts as a

pass through for the applications because they have to be submitted through particular computer software. She stated that you have to come to the city. The city has to submit on your behalf and then the award is given from the entities through that software system.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that an entity makes friendly with a State Rep. or a State Senator. They do their thing and then it comes. It trickles down. She stated to Ms. Kistler she knows she cannot comment, but that is what happens. She stated ok, she gets it and stated thank you.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he is just curious and maybe he is wrong or off base here, but why are applying for grants to get the Allentown Art Museum money. Why can't they do their own granting.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated because it is setup that these grants are only available through this software application process and they have to be put through by a municipal entity that has access to that computer system. She stated that they are not writing the grants. They write their grants and they submit the grants to us. They are simply submitting the through the process.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that his understanding is that this is only an application.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated absolutely. There are tons of applications that go through that, that do not get funded or get funded at a lower amounts and there are some that get funded exactly as submitted.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Kistler.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked so where does the money come from in the end.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that it all depends on and stated that this is coming from the office of the Budget at the State.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated the state, ok.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked is it anybody else. He asked is there any comments from the public.

He stated that he is just curious and maybe he is wrong or off base here. He asked why are they applying for grants to get the Allentown Art Museum. Why can't they can't do their own granting.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that if she could add one more thing, it may be also

money that is earmarked specifically for the arts. She stated that she is not sure.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated good evening.

Ms. Karen Ocasio, Southside Allentown, asked where does this get and you may have talked about it already, but she did not catch it. She asked does this get advertised somewhere where people can apply for these grants and things like that. She asked is it open for everybody to apply. How would people known to apply for these.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that these aren't typically grants that individuals apply for. She stated that these are organizational grants.

Ms. Karen Ocasio stated that is what she is saying.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that that they are advertised by the state through the Department of the Budget or through the Department of Education or the Department of Human Services or whatever state department has funding available. They advertise them on grants.gov. She believes and on another grant software, she knows that counties put out to nonprofits in the county, a list of available applications and their due dates and then organizations apply. She stated that there are very strict criteria based on each of the different categories. She stated that she really is not a specialist in their grant system. They simple accept the applications as she said to put them through the process and see what the state awards.

Ms. Karen Ocasio stated that she is just a little curious just because they have an epidemic going on where homeless people being removed from their places and all of that and \$21 million is insane for the arts and hey, she all about the arts stating her daughter goes to the Balm School of Arts for her summer program and she is all for it, but \$21 million that's as opposed to feeding people and giving people a place to be warm at night and things like that seems a little extreme, but she understands the process that you are talking about and they have to go in and apply for it.n She stated that was her question, thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Ocasio.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that she has a question. She stated that it is a formal application. She stated that doesn't mean they are going to get the \$21 million. It is just an application stating ok.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated ok.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that they have to speak to the county if they want more information, right.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that usually these are the state.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated the state.

Ms. Candida Affa stated \$21 million.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated that it is like, if they already had it, knowing it is an application.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated to Mr. Hanlon, please conduct the vote.

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

[15-8057](#)

R164

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of the Allentown Art Museum to support the construction of a new facility. The City of Allentown is submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for \$1,000,000 awarded from the Statewide Local Share Account (LSA) grant that will support the construction and development of a new art museum at 10th and Hamilton Streets in center-city.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R164 - Allentown Art Museum LSA](#)
[Resolution #31157.pdf](#)

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

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

[15-8059](#)

R165

Authorizes lease agreement with Danfrank Enterprise, LLC, d/b/a Jack's Slice for the restaurant and bar at Allentown Municipal Golf Course, 3400 Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA 18104

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R165 - Jack's Slice Lease Resolution #31158.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments or questions from my colleagues.

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

[15-8030](#)

R166

Approves the following transfers: Public Safety/Police - \$376,000; Public Safety/Police - for leasing and modifications for parking garage; \$136,000 in Police for 3 SUVs ; Parks Maintenance - \$30,785.58 for snow removal equipment ; Parks and Recreation - \$16,066.25, for a shade structure at the skate park; \$75,000 in Public Works, Fleet Maintenance for repairs.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R166 Transfers.doc](#)
[Lease and Garage Modifications](#)
[Shade Structure for Skatepark.pdf](#)
[Parks Maintenance - Needs to Purchase a New Ventrac to Replace an Old and Aging Unit That is on the Verge of being Non Operational.pdf](#)
[3 SUV Purchases for Police Fleet](#)
[\\$75000 Signed Fleet Transfer.pdf](#)
[Resolution #31159.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon 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

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

[15-8040](#)

Bill 84

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the General Fund, Administrative Order Fund, Risk Management Fund, Debt Service Fund, Equipment Fund, and Golf Fund Budgets for 2026.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill No. 84 -2026 BUDGET AND TAX RATE.docx](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE SPECIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 19TH.

[15-8041](#)

Bill 85

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Building Code Fund Budget for 2026 for Community and Economic Development per Chapter 270 of City code for Building Fees.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill No 85 .- 2026 BUILDING CODE FUND.doc](#)

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

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that all these Bills are going to be referred to the Special Meeting on November 19th at 5:30 PM for the Budget Meeting.

[15-8042](#)

Bill 86

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Liquid Fuels Fund Budget for 2026.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill No.86 - 2026 LIQUID FUELS.doc](#)

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

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that will go to the Special Meeting as well.

[15-8043](#)

Bill 87

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Rental Unit Licensing Fund Budget for 2026 and amending Article 1759 – Landlord and Rental Fee by maintaining the Residential Rental Fees.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill No.87 -2026 RENTAL UNIT FUND.doc](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public. He stated that will also be at the Special Meeting.

[15-8044](#)

Bill 88

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget for 2026 and amending Article 1131, Municipal Waste Storage, Collection and Disposal by increasing the Solid Waste Fee at Seven Hundred Forty (\$740) Dollars.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill No. 88- 2026- SOLID WASTE FUND AND FEE.doc](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public. He stated that will also go to the November 19th Special meeting.

[15-8045](#)

Bill 89

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Stormwater Fund Budget for 2026 and amending Article 393.15 – Stormwater Utility Fee by maintaining the Stormwater Utility Fee at Twenty (\$20) Dollars per Five Hundred (500) square feet of impervious surface.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill No.89- 2026 STORMWATER FUND AND FEE.doc](#)

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

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that will go to the Special Meeting.

[15-8046](#)

Bill 90

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Trexler Fund Budget for 2026.

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [Bill No.90 - 2026 TREXLER FUND.doc](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public. He stated that it will also go to the Special meeting.

[15-8029](#)

Bill 91

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Section 807, Revenue, of the Home Rule Charter to remove the “Deed Transfer Tax” language.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Mota, Napoli and Santos

Attachments: [Bill 91 RTT FROM HRC SECTION 807.doc](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it will go to your committee, Mr. Napoli.

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

[15-8047](#)

Bill 92

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Section 570-13 of the Realty Transfer Tax Ordinance by increasing the Realty Tax by 0.5% for the purpose of raising funds to deal with issues relating to housing.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Mota, Napoli and Santos

Attachments: [Bill 92 Deed Transfer Tax.docx](#)
[Allentown Housing Plan 2024 Final-1.pdf](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

[15-8053](#)

Bill 93

Amending the Civil Service Rules, Governing the Appointment and Promotion of Police Officers and Fire Fighters, Part V to Part VII

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 93 - Civil Service Board Rules Amendment](#)

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

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he just have one question and asked are they going to get copies of Part V and Part VII.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he hopes so.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that the Bill is there.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-8056](#)

Bill 94

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to support construction of MLK Trail Phase 2.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 94 - MLK DCNR Grant Appropriation](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-8055](#)

Bill 95

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) to a newly created capital account. The City was awarded grant funds from the Covid-19 ARPA H2O PA Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Projects Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the City of Allentown Source Reduction Program (SRP/I&I Project) for years 1, 2 and 3.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 95 - H2O Grant Transfer](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-8074](#)

Bill 96

Amending Chapter 75, Pensions and Retirement, Article II Police Pension Fund, §75-53 by adding a new §75-53, entitled Deferred Retirement Option Plan.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 96 .docx](#)

[Police FINAL DROP MOU 11.3.2025.docx](#)

[Updated 2025 DROP legislative template only 11.3.2025.docx](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from the public. He stated that this will be scheduled at a date to be determined yet.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that when he was watching Channel 69 News, when he was on the treadmill, he learned that Tom Brady cloned his dog. He stated so now we are cloning dogs. He stated yeah, now we are cloning dogs. He stated that he thinks that they are losing it.

ADJOURNED: 7:20 PM