



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, September 13, 2017

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### CD and Public Works Committee Meeting

Call to Order: Chairs MacLean and McGuire

Rollcall

**Present:** 5 - Daryl Hendricks, Roger MacLean, David McGuire, Julio Gurdy, and Cynthia Mota

**Excused:** 2 - Ray O'Connell, and Candida Affa

[15-1837](#)

Bill 54 PW/CEDC Forwarded Favorably  
Amending Article 720, Neighborhood Improvement Ordinance, by  
providing for the definition and prohibition of running bamboo.

**Sponsors:** Affa, Hendricks, O'Connell, McGuire, Gurdy, Mota and MacLean

**Attachments:** [Bill 54 - Bamboo Regs](#)

[Bamboo Info](#)

[Neighborhood Improvement and Abandoned Refrigs](#)

[Ordinance #15396](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it is sponsored by everyone on City Council. He asked if there were any comments, questions or input from Council.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated the reason for both of the ordinances tonight is that for some reason we seem to have issues with bamboo in the city. Council is taking a proactive approach. We should also take a proactive approach. Building Standards can go out when they do inspections, home sales inspections and the enforcement side of Sweep.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Mr. Messinger if someone goes and buys a property and find bamboo, would it be the seller responsibility to have that removed?

Mr. Craig Messinger stated yes.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments or questions from

Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were other municipalities that have the same type of legislation.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated yes, our neighbor Bethlehem and it is mirrored off of theirs. He stated that Nazareth is actually doing it to.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he experienced it himself. He moved into a property about nine years ago and since moving in he is treating a large area of bamboo. Nine years later, I am still treating it.

Dr. David McGuire asked Mr. Messinger when it is all finished and official, is it possible to have in a semi-glossy publication out of City Hall an ad to show what it is and damages.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that they will make sure that it is on our website also.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other questions from Council or the public.

Mr. Tom Hahn asked if there is a law prohibiting the sale of bamboo.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it comes under C1A would handle it.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that there is not a total ban on it. There is regulation if someone wants to have it. There are regulations on how far it has to be from the property. This is to regulated the use of it.

**A motion was made by David McGuire, seconded by Julio Guridy, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Daryl Hendricks, Roger MacLean, David McGuire, Julio Guridy, and Cynthia Mota

**Absent:** 2 - Ray O'Connell, and Candida Affa

Enactment No: 15396

[15-1848](#)

Bill 56 PW/CEDC Forwarded Favorbaly  
Amending the Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code by  
prohibiting running bamboo.

**Sponsors:** Affa, Hendricks, McGuire, O'Connell, Guridy, MacLean and Mota

**Attachments:** [Bill 56 Bamboo Regs - Property Code](#)  
[Ordinance #15397](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that Mr. Messinger touched on that in his

opening. He stated unless Mr. Messinger had something else to elaborate on he will open it up to Council or the public.

**A motion was made by Ray O'Connell, seconded by Cynthia Mota, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Daryl Hendricks, Roger MacLean, David McGuire, Julio Guridy, and Cynthia Mota

**Absent:** 2 - Ray O'Connell, and Candida Affa

Enactment No: 15397

**ADJOURNED: 5:37 PM**