



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

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.

Contract Approvals

R37

Authorization for Contract with Belfor USA Group, Inc. (d/b/a Belfor Property Restoration)

in the estimated yearly sum of \$25,000.00 to perform standard boarding up services for commercial and residential properties. One (1) bid was received, contract shall be for three (3) years with two (2) additional one (1) year renewals beyond the contract expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Request for Council Approval - Belfor](#)

R37.5

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for Granicus, LLC.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R37.5 Cooperative Proposal](#)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

March 4, 2026 Public Hearing Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer Request - Felix Restaurant, LLC

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [March 4, 2026 Public Hearing Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer Request -](#)

March 4, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [March 4, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Communications

Old Business

REPORTS

President Napoli: City Council will be holding Special Meetings on March 25 at 6:30 PM to consider the appointment of Frank Kane as Managing Director; April 8th at 6 PM with the Parking Authority and on April 22nd at 6 PM on a discussion with ANIZDA.

Budget and Finance: Chair Pungo, Mota, Gerlach

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for March 25th at 5:30 PM.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Gerlach, Binder, Napoli

The Committee met this evening, the next meeting is 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 1 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 March 11; the next meeting is scheduled for April 1 at 6:00 PM.

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

The Committee met on March 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM – the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Controller's Report: The Controller has submitted a PCard Report that is on the agenda website.

Mayor: The mayor has not submitted anything.

Controller's Reports

Attachments: [P Card - Dec Report](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 10

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Three Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$346,158.00) to partially fund the reconstruction on Lehigh and Union Street as part of the Pennsylvania Local Share Account Grant the City was awarded. This grant is fully reimbursable and once the project has been completed, the City will be reimbursed.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 10 - Lehigh Union Street LSA](#)

Bill 13

Amending the 2026 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250,000.00) from the PA DCED Local Share Account Grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Resurrected Community Development Corporation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 13- RCDC LSA Appropriation](#)

Bill 14

Amending the 2026 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) from the PA DCED Local Share Account Grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Jewish Community Center of the Lehigh Valley.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 14- JCC LSA Appropriation](#)

Bill 15

Amending the 2026 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$296,878.00) from the PA DCED Local Share Account Grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Museum of Indian Culture.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 15 - Indian Culture Museum LSA Appropriation](#)

Bill 16

Amending the 2026 Grants Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the State Office of the Budget, Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RAC-P). These funds are a pass-through grant that will support The Baum School of Art.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 16 - Baum School RACP Appropriation](#)

Bill 17

Amending the 2026 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven

Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$775,000.00) from the PA DCED Local Share Account Grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Allentown Art Museum.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 17- Art Museum LSA Appropriation](#)

Bill 18

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) from a completed Capital account for the redesign of traffic signal upgrades at 17th and Linden St, 17th and Turner St, 17th and Chew St, and 17th and Walnut Street intersections. This project was mostly funded through the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant (MTF-DCED). This will transfer the unused funds from a completed capital project to the correct account for these services.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 18 - 17th Street Redesign Transfer](#)

Bill 19

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Forty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents. (\$45,295.39). This was the result of payment in lieu of tree plantings from Allentown School District, QR III LLC, 309 E Hamilton ST LLC, The Waterfront Development Corp, North Sixth St Properties OP LP, Executive Education Charter School, and East Penn Properties LP. Funds will be used for the purchase of new street trees.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 19 - Shade Tree Revitalization Appropriation](#)

Bill 22

Amending the 2026 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) Grant to the Allentown Fire and EMS Department for the purchase of equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 22 - EMS OSFC Grant Allocation](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

R38

231 N 7th Street and 232 N Church Street Apartment Renovations - Sewage Planning Module

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R38 231 N 7th Street and 232 N Church Street Apartment Renovations - Sewa](#)
[231 N 7th Street and 232 N Church Street Apartment Renovations Sewage Plan](#)

R39

Tom Burke, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 3/19/2028

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R39 Tom Burke \(Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals\)](#)
 [Burke 3-26](#)

R40

Ramon Nunez, Jr., Board of Parks and Recreation, 3/19/2031

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R40 Ramon Nunez, Jr. \(Board of Parks and Recreation\)](#)
 [Ramon Nunez Jr. Board of Parks and Recreation, 3/19/2031 \(Reappointment\)](#)

R41

Susan Gilbert Zencka, Environmental Advisory Council, 1/1/2029

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R41 - Zencka Appt to EAC](#)
 [Memo from Mayor Tuerk regarding Susan Gilbert Zencka - Environmental Advis](#)
 [Rev. Dr. Susan Gilbert Zencka Resume 2026](#)

R42

Sewage Planning Module at 1 Center Square

Attachments: [R42 - Sewer Planning Module](#)
 [Planning Module-Allentown Receipt-](#)

R43

Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:
1515 Linden Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R43 MARCH - HARB Resolution](#)
 [1515 LINDEN ST - FINAL REVIEW](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R44

Council President Napoli - Allentown Economic Development Corporation (AEDC)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R44 Santo Napoli \(AEDC - Allentown Economic Development Corporation\)](#)

R45

Approves the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for eight hundred seven thousand dollars (\$807,000) from the Statewide Local Share Account (LSA) grant that will support the purchase of new equipment for the Allentown Police Department.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R45 - APD LSA CNT Vehicle](#)

R46

Approves the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for two hundred ninety-five thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$295,350) from the Statewide Local Share Account (LSA) grant that will support the purchase of new equipment for the Allentown Police Department.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R46 - APD Equipment LSA](#)

R47 - Transfers

Public Works – Traffic Bureau – \$168,000.00 is required because the contract for the redesign of S Jefferson Street came back higher than anticipated.

Parks & Recreation – \$10,979.50 is required to pay for permit fees to LCCD for this project's NPDES permit that is required.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R47 Transfers](#)

[Funds are available for all parts of this project including permit fees, just need to Required because the contract for the redesign of S Jefferson Street came back](#)

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

Bill 23 Refer to Parks and Recreation Committee

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](#)

Bill 24 Refer to Public Works

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](#)

Bill 25 Refer to Public Works

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Ninety-Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$95,222.50) to the Traffic Signals Upgrade expenditure account to repair traffic equipment at two intersections due to weather related damage that knocked down two traffic signals. Capital Fund Cash will be used to fund this project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 25 Traffic Equipment Transfer](#)

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

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

Council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers. For copies of the agenda or meeting announcements, please visit our website at www.allentownpa.gov or contact the Clerk at Michael.Hanlon@allentownpa.gov to receive an email notice of the meetings.