



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Please observe the Rules of Council when addressing the body. A full copy of Council Rules can be found on the city website or by email if you contact Council office.

There are multiple opportunities to address Council. Individuals can speak during Courtesy of the Floor (addressing items not on the agenda) and during Bills and Resolutions on Final Passage and Introduction. When given the Floor, please go to the podium and state your name and address. All remarks must be directed towards the presiding officer or council as a body; not a particular Council member or elected official, the audience or city staff. Unless otherwise determined, individuals shall have three minutes to address council and individuals representing a bona-fide group shall have five minutes. Privilege of the Floor will not be extended for personal insults or personal attacks on any individual, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose and intent of conducting official business. Please address council as a body. Refrain from using offensive language, cursing and making noises while other people are speaking. Act with decorum. Remove your hat and turn cell phones off.

(Council Speaking Rules: Members and others given the privilege of the floor will address the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer will extend the courtesy to the Councilperson(s) responsible for introducing legislation the opportunity to speak first. Each member will have the right to speak twice on any subject. No Member will be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject without permission of the Presiding Officer. No Member will speak more than three (3) times on the question without the unanimous consent of all the Members present.

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)

Contract Approvals: There are no contracts for approval.

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

Communications

Old Business

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

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

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

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 Lar](#)
 [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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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 V](#)

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](#)

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

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

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](#)

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.