



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, May 3, 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.

Contract Approvals

R83

Authorization for Contract with McMahon Associates, a Bowman Company, in the amount of \$219,800 for improvements at seven existing signalized intersections and one new flashing warning device or traffic signal along Hanover Avenue to provide connection to the existing Downtown Traffic Signal System. This project is a part of a DCED Multimodal Transpiration Fund (MTF) grant. This was competitively bid, with multiple bidders; contract is for three years and upon written agreement, may be extended for up to an additional two (2) one (1) year periods.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R83 - McMahon Associates](#)

R84

Authorization for Contract price increase of 10% or more for an existing Contract over \$40,000.00, that was previously Bid and Awarded under City Policies, with A B E Doors & Windows, Inc. in the amount of \$18,878.00, due to an unforeseen accident where one of our vehicles ran into a door at Hibernia Fire Station, therefore, this will be paid for by Risk. This was previously bid for time and materials contract for on-call, on-site Overhead Door replacement, repair, inspection and maintenance, at various City owned and/or operated facilities. The resulting agreement shall include all labor, equipment, licensing, materials, tools, travel and all other items necessary to complete orders on an "as needed" basis. Services will include but not limited to emergency repairs, preventative maintenance, general repairs, and repairs to springs and tracks, as well as door replacements when necessary.

Attachments: [R84 - A B E - Contract Increase](#)

R85

Authorization for Contract price increase of 10% or more for an existing Contract over \$40,000.00, that was previously Bid and Awarded under City Policies, with Edwards Business Systems in the amount of \$28,657.76 for the yearly auto renewal. This was previously bid for Maintenance services for the City printers.

Attachments: [R85 - Edwards - Contract Increase](#)

R86

Authorization for Contract with Buckman's, Inc. for pool chemicals for an estimated sum of \$35,000.00. This was competitively bid, one (1) bid was received.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R86 - Buckman's](#)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

April 5, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 5, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

April 19, 2023 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes (Bill 1 - Entertainment Venue Signs)

Attachments: [April 19, 2023 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes \(Bill 1 - Entertainment Venue Sig](#)

April 19, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 19, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Communications**Old Business****REPORTS**

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 32

Amending the General Fund – Department of Public Works Budget to change the title of one (1) Chief Maintenance Supervisor (13N) to Traffic Control Specialist (13N). The step/pay grade will not be affected by this change.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 32 - Traffic Control Specialist Title Change](#)

Bill 33

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-One (\$182,471.00) Dollars from the unappropriated balance to the School/Pedestrian Safety Improvements capital account. These funds were awarded as a TASA grant to install a new school zone flasher and a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) at 4th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 33 TASA Grant Funds Transfer](#)

Bill 34

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars from WIP Allentown Redevelopment LLC. The funds will be deposited into an escrow account for payment of invoices from Norfolk Southern for their fees and costs relative to their review of the proposed design and construction of the pedestrian crossing.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 34 Pedestrian Railroad Crossing Appropriation](#)

Bill 35

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Eight Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$830,750.00) Dollars from the unappropriated balance to the Traffic Signal Modernization capital account. These funds were awarded as a MTF-PennDOT grant to install a traffic adaptive system on 15th Street from Tilghman Street to Highland Street and to install a new school flasher at Trexler Middle School.

Attachments: [Bill 35 - MTF-PennDOT Grant Funds Transfer](#)

Bill 36

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Million One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$1,150,000.00) Dollars from the unappropriated balance to the Hanover Ave Traffic Signal Improvements capital account. These funds were awarded as a MTF-DCED grant to install a traffic adaptive system on Hanover Avenue from Albert Street to Wahneta Street. This grant also includes installing a new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at Hanover Avenue and Linden Street.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 36 - MTF-DCED Grant Funds Transfer](#)

Bill 37

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Fifty-Four Thousand (\$54,000.00) Dollars from the Street Lighting Upgrade (2008) capital accounts to a newly created capital account to cover the match funds needed for a grant. The match funds will cover the purchase of upgraded lighting for this project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 37 - MLK Lighting Grant Match Transfer](#)

Bill 38

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Million Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty (\$1,378,560.00) Dollars from the unappropriated balance to the American Parkway Traffic Signal Improve capital account. These funds were awarded as a Green-Light-Go (GLG) grant to install a traffic adaptive system on American Parkway/Basin Street from Susquehanna Street to Airport Road.

Attachments: [Bill 38 - GLG Grant Funds Transfer](#)

Bill 30 Forwarded with the recommendation to remove the provision that allows parking in alleys.

Amending the Chapter 615, Vehicles and Code, of the City of Allentown Code by increasing the distance a car can be parked from a curb from 6 to 9 inches, allow council by resolution to provide an exemption to parking In front of a private driveway or alongside any street or highway excavation or obstruction, or opposite the same under certain conditions, allowing parking in alleys that are less than 20 feet wide provided there is a 12 foot passage and the car is not parked on the sidewalk, allowing impounded vehicles to be released if the owner is in compliance with a payment plan and re-moving all imprisonment penalties.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Napoli, Mota and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 30 Parking Bill](#)
[Council Proposals APA](#)
[APA Response to Council Sidewalk-Alley Issues](#)
[Allentown Parking Authority Legislative and Policy Recommendations](#)
[Councilor Suggestions/Questions](#)
[Letter to Honorable City Counsel of Allentown - 3.22.23](#)
[Allentown Parking Authority Code](#)
[An Ordinance](#)
Legislative History
 4/12/23 City Council amended

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

R82 Public Works, forwarded favorably
Authorizes encroachment for a pedestrian bridge for residents of 101 N. 6th Street Apartments to safely cross from the roof level of 128 N. 6th Street parking garage to the third floor of the apartment building.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R82 - Permanent Encroachment 101 N 6th Street Encroachment Application 101 N 6th St](#)

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

Bill 40 Refer to Human Resources, Administration and Appointments:
Amending the 2023 General Fund budget to add revenue accounts to the Risk Management Bureau's budget and transfer funds from the unappropriated balance to fund this payment process change. The adjustment is needed to account for the change to paying all active employee elective health benefit plans upfront instead of relying on manually produced payroll deduction paper checks for payment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 40 Risk Management Employee Benefits](#)

Bill 41

Amending the 2023 General Fund budget to allow for a position name change in the Department of Community and Economic Development, Building Standards and Safety changing the Building Inspector Supervisor to the Review Coordinator needing no additional funds.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 41 Position Rename Review Coordinator](#)

Bill 42

Amending the 2023 General Fund budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars from the Housing Fund for the use of the APA RFP, replacing a piece of aging equipment in the mail room & sundries in the CED-Admin program. These funds were previously encumbered for a CED community engagement program that now lives in the Mayor's office.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 42 - Transfer](#)

Bill 43 Refer to Human Resources, Administration and Appointments

Amending the 2023 General Fund budget to accommodate two title changes and a reorganization of positions to allow the Mayor's office to operate more efficiently and prepare for future project work.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 43 - Mayor's Office Title Changes](#)

Bill 44 Refer to Parks and Recreation Committee

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$420,000.00) Dollars from the Trexler Fund to the Jordan Skatepark and WPA Structures capital projects accounts. These funds will be used for Phase 2 of the Skatepark in Jordan Park, project manuals for the repairs to Lehigh Parkway Phase 4 and repairs at Union Terrace Park.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 44 - Skatepark and WPA Transfer](#)

Bill 45

Amending § 5-16 Amendments after adoption. C. Rules and regulations on transfers, (3) Intrafund transfers by changing the threshold for Council approval of transfers at a public meeting from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Attachments: [Bill 45 Transfers](#)

Bill 46

Amending § 5-21 Contracts. (1) For the award of contracts or the engagement of professional services by adding a 10,000 threshold for council approval of professional contracts.

Sponsors: Hendricks and Napoli

Attachments: [Bill 46 Professional Contract Threshold](#)

Bill 47 Refer to Special Committee Meeting

An ordinance of the City of Allentown approving the creation of a public health pilot program providing alternative first response to calls for service involving mental and behavioral health, substance use, welfare checks, and "quality of life" complaints such as family and neighbor disputes, issues related to unhoused persons, and calls about suspicious persons; authorizing the expenditure of four million, eighty two thousand dollars (\$4,082,000.00) and calling for a Request for Proposals to be issued.

Attachments: [Bill 47 Public Health Pilot Program](#)

[Bill Public Health Pilot Program](#)

[Citizens' Rights and Participation \(3\)](#)

[Sufficient Signatures for Petition](#)

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

Councilperson Zucal is prepared to make a motion to suspend the rules and introduce Resolution 87 which Recommends 22.5M in ARPA funding: 11M for city capital and physical infrastructure to avoid tax increases and 10M in Housing for affordable housing, enhancing the city's housing stock, home ownership and rental legal assistance – funds to taken from unallocated fund and 10M the Mayor plans to use for operational expenses in 2023 and 2024.

R87 Refer to Special Meeting

Recommends 21M in ARPA funding: 11M for city capital and physical infrastructure to avoid tax increases and 10M in Housing for affordable housing, enhancing the city's

housing stock, home ownership and rental legal assistance – funds to taken from unallocated funds and 10M the Mayor plans to use for operational expenses in 2023 and 2024.

Sponsors: Gerlach, Mr. Zucal, Affa and Santos

Attachments: [R87 ARPA funding request](#)

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

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Council Rules

Procurement Procedures

Code of Ethics

Attachments: [Council Rules 2023](#)

[Contract/Procurement Procedures from the Code](#)

[Ethics Code](#)