



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting

Roll Call

Council President Hendricks

This evening is a Special Council meeting to review the initiative that has been introduced and must be acted on in the form submitted by City Council by June 19th. I would like to thank everyone for working with our office to set up this evening's agenda. They have 45 minutes of prepared testimony. At 6:15 PM, the Public Works Committee meeting will start and that is followed by a City Council meeting at 6:30 PM. We will reconvene the Special Council Meeting on June 15th at 6:30 PM to further review and act on the initiative. At that time, we will take additional testimony and then public comment, prior to Council vote. Let us proceed with the first speaker on the agenda.

1. WELCOME: Imogen Wirth, Lehigh County resident, canvasser for Petition for Bill 47

2. INTRODUCTION: Susan Jordhamo, member of Petitioners' Committee for Bill 47, Allentown resident

3. REVIEW OF 3 YEARS OF COMMUNITY & CITY ACTION LEADING TO THIS PETITION: Imogen Wirth

4. REVIEW OF ORDINANCE & RATIONALE: Imogen Wirth

5. EXPERT TESTIMONY: Chad Bruckner, retired Lansdale Police Department Detective, cadet instructor at Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy, former Army Infantry sergeant, certified Mental Health Peer Advocate, Lehigh County resident.

6. EXPERT TESTIMONY: Alex Domingos, Senior Organizer, American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania's Campaign for Smart Justice

- 7. EXPERT TESTIMONY: Linda Mancenelli, retired nurse, Allentown resident**
- 8. EXPERT TESTIMONY: Dr. Jenna Jebitsch, clinical psychologist, Allentown resident**
- 9. EXPERT TESTIMONY: Ruby Cruz, Allentown resident, former corrections officer and former professional mental health advocate**
- 10. TESTIMONY: April Riddick, lifelong Allentown resident, community advocate**
- 11. TESTIMONY: Silvia Evangelista, Allentown resident, canvasser for Petition for Bill 47**
- 12. TESTIMONY: Matthew Ming Lo, lifelong Allentown resident, data science and finance technology professional, canvasser for Petition for Bill 47**
- 13. TESTIMONY: Johnathan Favini, canvasser for Petition for Bill 47, Lehigh Valley resident**
- 14. TESTIMONY: Jon Irons, Lehigh County resident, former caseworker in Allentown School District, data manager for Communities in Schools of Eastern Pennsylvania located in Allentown, canvasser for Petition for Bill 47**
- 15. CLOSING: Imogen Wirth**

Bill 47

An ordinance introduced as an initiative pursuant to the Home Rule Charter 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](#)

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