



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### City Council

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Thursday, June 15, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Special Committee Meeting

#### Roll Call

#### Council President :

This is a Special Council meeting to act on the initiative ordinance. To begin, we are going to follow the same format as the last meeting. The speakers can take no more than 45 minutes to provide testimony, we suggest they follow the same style and format the petitioners followed in their presentation. We thank them again for their presentation.

The initiative ordinance is before us this evening for final action – Council has until June 19th to act. We plan to have a vote on the initiative ordinance. If a majority of council – four or more - votes for the proposal, it is approved, it is not subject to a mayor's veto. If the bill fails, the Clerk will forward the bill to the County to be placed on the November ballot to be decided by the voters.

Accordingly, we will follow the same procedures pursuant to the charter and our rules prior to the vote. After the initial testimony is complete, we will take public comment. Please come to the podium, state your name and address, and address your comments to city council. We will place reasonable time limits on the comments.

After Public Comment, City Council can make comments pursuant to Council Rules.

The Clerk will then take the vote.

#### Testimony

A/C James Gress

Sgt. Iobst

APD CNT Assistant Commander Thomas Cunningham

**CIS Workers**

Vicki Conte

Ellie Flores

Candice Girandola

**St. Lukes & LVHC Public Safety Liaisons**

Jason Knight

Jeff Yanochko

**Bill Williams and David Benner****Mehmet Barzev, EMS Manager****Public Comment****Vote on the Bill 47****Initiative**

Letter from DA Martin

Memo from Council President and Vice President

**Attachments:**      [DH CM PHPP](#)[Letter from DA Martin 06-14-23](#)**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](#)**ADJOURN**

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