



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final City Council

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Courtesy of the Floor and Public Comment Rules:

Please observe the Rules of Council when addressing the body. A full copy of Council Rules can be found on the city website.

If you would like to speak this evening, we are asking that you fill out a card – they are on the back table - and provide them to the clerk before speaking.

Please address the Council President. You are given privilege of the floor to provide public comment. This is a time to present comments, it is not a question-and-answer session. If you are speaking 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 - the idea being the entire group does not come up and make the same type of statement. Please be sure to state your name and address for the record and fill out a card.

Courtesy of the Floor is meant to provide public comment on items that are not on the agenda; Council will take all comments under advisement and have the appropriate officials get back to you if necessary. If you have materials for Council, please distribute it to the Clerk.

Public comment during consideration of ordinances, resolutions and motions is limited by topic – your comments must be relevant.

Council will not entertain personal insults or attacks, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose 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.

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

R193

Authorization for Contract with Penn Mount Stone, LLC in the amount of \$90,902.00 to provide masonry repair and preservation of the WPA era retaining wall located along Park

Drive for the City. This was competitively bid and two (2) bids were received, however, one bid was rejected.

Attachments: [R193 - Penn Mount Stone, LLC](#)

R194

Authorizes lease agreement with Lenni Lenape Indian Association for a commercial property located on Fish Hatchery Road, LR 39-109, known as the Bieber Dwelling.

Attachments: [R194 - Lenni Lenape Indian Association](#)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

October 18, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [October 18, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

November 1, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [November 1, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Communications

Old Business

REPORTS

Public Hearing Announcement: Council will consider for possible adoption an Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Allentown to add a new section that would establish a new “Mixed Use Overlay” Zoning District that would (i) apply to approximately 195 acres of land formerly occupied by the Allentown State Hospital that is South of Hanover Ave., South of E. Allen St., South of Wahneta St. extended, generally East of Maxwell St. extended, North of River Dr., and West of the City of Bethlehem border as shown in more detail on the map that accompanies the proposed Ordinance, (ii) allow a variety of uses, including residential, commercial, recreational and institutional uses, as well as selected industrial uses on a portion of the tract, and (iii) add certain definitions to the Zoning Ordinance.

City Council will consider the foregoing at a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101. Copies of the full text of this Ordinance are available to any interested party for examination and copying at cost at the City Clerk’s Office or for inspection during regular business hours at the offices of this newspaper and the Lehigh County Department of Law. City Council may adopt this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM on December 6, 2023 immediately following this Public Hearing.

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Hendricks, Gerlach

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Mota, Napoli, Affa

The committee met this evening; the next is scheduled for November 29th where the committee will consider the zoning petition for the former state hospital property; and on December 6th to consider Resolution 202 that is being introduced this evening – a HARB denial at 213 N. 11th Street.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Santos, Zucal, Napoli

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Mota

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Santos, Hendricks

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; there are no future

meetings scheduled.

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

The committee has not met since the last Council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Controller's Report (3 minutes)

Mayor's Report (3 minutes)

Controller Reports

Attachments: [Bank Rec - Nov 14 Report](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 102

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Four Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$1,453,537.00) from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Gun Violence Investigation and Prosecution Grant for the reimbursement of expenses for the purchase of new city cameras, new in car cameras for the entire police fleet and new body worn cameras for the Police Department.

Attachments: [Bill 102 PCCD Grant](#)

Bill 103

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Two Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$ 22,340) from the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant to the City of Allentown Police Department to utilize the funding for batteries to be used for speed control signs, solar panel kits and license plate readers.

Attachments: [Bill 103 JAG Grant Appropriation](#)

CONSENT AGENDA: There are no items on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R180

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 316 N. 8th Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R 180 HARB Resolution to DENY - 316 N 8th St](#)
[316 N 8th St Final Review](#)

R181

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 932 W. Gordon Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R 181 HARB Resolution to DENY - 932 W Gordon St](#)
[932 W Gordon St Final Review](#)

Legislative History

11/1/23 City Council referred

R195

Police Officer Appointments

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R195 - Appoints 2 Police Officers](#)

R196

Authorizes the sale of Police K9 Remi, to His Handler Talden Cashatt

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R196 K-9 Remi Sale](#)

R197

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of the Police Athletic League (PAL) to support the renovation of its facilities.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R197 PAL Local Share Grant Application](#)

R198

Accepts the funds awarded by the Department of Homeland Security under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program to fund 12 new firefighter positions.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R198 SAFER Grant Acceptance](#)

R199

Approves the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for \$250,000 from the Statewide Local Share Account Fund (LSA) that will support the replacement of Central Firehouse.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R199 Central Fire LSA](#)

R200

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of Resurrected Life Community Development Corporation (RCDC) to support the rehabilitation and renovations of its facilities.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R200 RCDC Local Share Grant Application](#)

R201

Approves two transfers: (1) Fire – \$220,000 in EMS for Premium Pay; (2) \$11,250.00 in

City Council for Granicus for a one-time fee for Boards and Commissions – Setup & Configuration in the amount of \$2,250.00. Boards and Commission Online Group Training in the amount of \$0; and New Subscription Fees for Boards and Commissions in the amount of \$9,000.00, the total cost will be \$11,250.00.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R201 Transfer Funds](#)

[City Council for Granicus for a one-time fee for Boards and Commissions – Setup Allotted Premium Pay Was Used and More Is Required Due to Shift Vacancies](#)

Two suggested proposals to suspend the rules, introduce and vote on a motion to override the mayor's veto; motion to reconsider the General Fund budget and amend what passed with the Mayor's proposal.

1. Resolution to override the Mayor's Veto.
2. Reconsider the General Fund Budget and amend it to reflect Mayor Tuerk's second version at 2%.

R203 Overrides Mayor's Veto

Sponsors: Gerlach, Mota and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [R203 Veto Override](#)

Veto Message

Mayor's second proposed adjustment

Attachments: [Veto Message](#)

[BP-Final-2 Percent Reductions One Page Summary](#)

[2 Percent Reductions One Page Summary revised 11.7.23 4.00pm](#)

Bill 95 2024 BUDGET AND TAX RATE

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the General Fund, Administrative Order Fund, Risk Management Fund, Debt Service Fund, Equipment Fund, and Golf Fund Budgets for 2024.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill No. 95 2024 BUDGET AND TAX RATE](#)

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to Committee with public comment prior to referral) : There are no ordinances for introduction.

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

R202 Refer to Community and Economic Development Committee
Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 213 N. 11th Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R202 HARB Resolution to DENY - 213 N. 11th St](#)

[213 N 11th Street Final Review](#)

NEW BUSINESS**GOOD AND WELFARE****ADJOURNED:**

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.

Council Rules

Procurement Procedures

Code of Ethics

Attachments:

[Council Rules 2023](#)

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

[Ethics Code](#)