



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final City Council

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Contract Approvals

R41

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for Versalift East, LLC, Whitmoyer Ford, Inc., CDW, Inc., Abel Recon, LLC, Kimball Midwest, Auto Zone Stores, LLC, NAPA, Hale Trailer Brake & Wheel, and Miller Flooring Company.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R41 Cooperative Approval - 4.16](#)

R42

Authorization for an Agreement of Sale with Allentown Rescue Mission in the revenue amount of \$536,000.00 for the sale of City own property located 325 West Hamilton Street. Two (2) bid was received. However, one (1) bid was rejected due to not including a 10% bid bond.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R42 - Allentown Rescue Mission](#)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

February 5, 2025 Special Council Meeting - Act on Immigration Status Bill 4 Minutes

Attachments: [February 5, 2025 Special Council Meeting - Act on Immigration Status Bill 4 Min](#)

April 2, 2025 City Council Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan Meeting Minutes.pdf

Attachments: [April 2, 2025 City Council Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan Meeting Minute](#)

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Communications

Old Business

REPORTS

Controller's Reports: Bank Rec, Check Review, PCard Review, Tuition Reimbursement

Attachments: [Bank Rec Jan.pdf](#)
[Check Review 3.15 to 4.4.pdf](#)
[PCard Review Feb.pdf](#)
[Tuition Reimbursement.pdf](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 29

Amending the African-American Advisory Council by clarifying and adding a section on selecting members stating: Council and the Mayor must make every effort to ensure the board reflects the community it has been created to serve. Appointments to the board should prioritize African American community leaders and city residents.

Sponsors: Affa, Mota and Napoli

Attachments: [Bill 29 African-Am Council Amd.docx](#)

Bill 30

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000.00) from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to support a feasibility study of MLK Trail Phase 3 (Parkettes to D&L Trail on Riverside Dr) and construction of either Phase 1 or 2 of MLK Trail.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 30 - DCED Grant Allocation MLK Trail](#)

Bill 31

Amending the 2025 Trexler Fund by authorizing a supplemental appropriation from the Trexler Escrow Unappropriated Cash balance in the amount of One Hundred Eight Thousand One Hundred Five Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$108,105.75) to the MLK Trail capital account of the Parks and Recreation Department. These funds will be utilized for the construction of Phase 1 of the trail and is part of the 2024-25 Trexler Capital Project allocation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 31 - Trexler to MLK Appropriation](#)

Bill 32

Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Forty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$46,766) from the Department of Justice for 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG grant to the City of Allentown Police Department to utilize the funding evidence workflow management system and portable weighing scales. A portion of this funding is appropriated as a pass through to Lehigh County.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 32 - Police JAG Grant Appropriation](#)

Bill 33

Amending Part II General Legislation, Chapter 270 Fees, Article V Community and Economic Development Fees by revising the permitting and plan fees, reducing the permits per project to a single permit that covers all fees and updating language in the code. The intent is to streamline the permit application process and improve both customer service and administrative efficiency by consolidating all required permits into one comprehensive permit, simplifying the application and approval process.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 33 - CED Building Standards Fee Amendment](#)

Bill 34

Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$132,800.00) from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant to the City of Allentown Police Department. These funds will be utilized for reimbursement of expenses for the purchase of case management software, mobile devices, program analysis, unit apparel and additional Community Intervention Specialist.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 34 - PCCD Grant](#)

Bill 35

Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$85,900.00) from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant to the City of Allentown Police Department. These funds will be utilized for reimbursement of expenses for the purchase of portable breath testing devices, impaired driving simulator kit, trailer and training for officers.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 35 - Police PCCD Grant](#)

Bill 36

Amending the 2025 General Fund, the 2025 Trexler Fund, the 2025 Risk Fund, the 2025 Equipment Replacement Fund, the 2025 Solid Waste Fund, the 2025 Liquid Fuels Fund, the 2025 Stormwater Fund, and the 2025 Golf Fund by appropriating funds from the un-appropriated balances for the rollover of encumbrances for the prior year

commitments.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 36 - 2024 to 2025 PO Roll](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

R43

Abigail Goldfarb, Commission on Homelessness, 4/17/2029 (Reappointment)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R Abigail Goldfarb - Commission on Homelessness, 04-17-2029.doc](#)
[Commission on Homelessness List.xlsx](#)
[Memo from Mayor Tuerk regarding reappointment of Abigail Goldfarb - Commis](#)

R44

Erlinda M. Aguiar, Human Relations Commission, 4/17/2028

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R44 Erlinda M. Aguiar - Human Relations Commission, 4-17-2028.doc](#)
[Human Relations Commission List.xlsx](#)
[Memo from Mayor Tuerk regarding appointment of Erlinda M. Aguiar - Human R](#)

R45

Kyle Ropski, Shade Tree Commission, 4/17/2030

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R45 Kyle Ropski - Shade Tree Commission, 4-17-2030.doc](#)
[R Kyle Ropski - Shade Tree Commission, 4-17-2030.doc](#)
[Shade Tree Commission List.xlsx](#)
[Memo from Mayor Tuerk regarding appointment of Kyle Ropski - Shade Tree Co](#)

R46

Leslie Hartzell, Planning Commission, 4/17/2029

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R46 Leslie Hartzell - Planning Commission - 4-17-2029.doc](#)
[Leslie Hartzell Resume - Planning Commission.pdf](#)
[Planning Commission List.xlsx](#)
[Memo from Mayor Tuerk regarding appointment of Leslie Hartzell - Planning Co](#)

R47

Richard M. Larish, Noise Hearing Board, 4/17/2030 (Industrial Representative)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R47 Richard M. Larish \(Noise Hearing Board - Industrial Representative\).doc](#)
[Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk regarding Richard M Larish Appointment - Noise](#)
[Noise Hearing Board List.xlsx](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R48

A Resolution to protect and grant refuge to members of the LGBTQ+ community and people fleeing states with anti -LGBTQ+ laws, declares Allentown a safe and welcoming haven for the LGBTQ+ Community and urges County and sSate officials to support aforesaid legislation

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

Attachments: [R48 Gender Affirming Care.doc](#)

R49

A Resolution Calling on the Pennsylvania State Legislature to raise the minimum wage and grant local wage control.

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

Attachments: [R49 Min Wage.doc](#)
[HB1150P1241\(1\).pdf](#)

R50

Approves the submission of an application for a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the renovations/upgrades of Ithaca Park. The city is asking for \$97,617.55 in grant funding with a match required – in-kind or cash.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R50 - DCNR Grant Approval](#)

R51

Approves the submission of an application for a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the construction of Phase 2 of the Martin Luther King (MLK) Trail. The city is asking for \$1,000,000.00 in grant funding with a match required – in-kind or cash.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R51 - MLK Grant Approval](#)

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

Bill 37

Amending the 2025 Grants Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the State Office of the Budget, Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). These funds are a pass-through grant that will support Cedar Crest College.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 37 Cedar Crest RACP](#)

Bill 38

Amending the 2025 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) from the PA DCED Local Share Account Grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Police Athletic League.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 38 - PAL LSA](#)

Bill 39

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of Six Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$654,775) in Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and One Million Six Hundred Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Twenty-Three Cents (1,600,121.23) in HOME Investment Partnership Program, unspent funds for the January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, and January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 grant years, for housing and community development programs pursuant to the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations. The monies are received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 39 HUD Amendment](#)

Bill 40

Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) Grant to the Allentown Fire and EMS Department for the purchase of training equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 40 EMS OSFC Grant Allocation](#)

Bill 41

Amending the 2025 Golf Fund budget to accommodate the reorganization of positions to allow the Parks and Recreation Department to operate more efficiently, prepare for future project work and be in compliance with the home rule charter.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 41 Parks Golf Reorg](#)

Bill 42

Amending the Civil Service Board Rules governing the Appointment and Promotion of Police Officers and Fire Fighters by adding the following under Grading Procedures, c: All raw scores that end with .5 or greater shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number. All applicable veteran preference points shall then be added to the whole number. In the case

of a tie, raw scores shall be used as a tiebreaker, with the original unadjusted scores used to determine who will place higher on the eligibility list. If there is a still a tie after comparing raw scores. The date and time of the submission of the application shall be used with the earliest submission date and time ranking higher on the list; and adding under Oral Examination: 3) The oral examination shall be conducted by a three-person oral examination panel approved by the Board. The oral examination panel shall consist of the Chief of Police or his/her designee and two (2) current Allentown Police officers holding the rank of Lieutenant of higher. The Civil Service Board may engage in an outside vendor to conduct the oral exam. In the event an outside vendor is selected by the Civil Service Board office and approved by the Civil Service board to conduct such oral exams for the position of Sergeant and Lieutenant, the make-up of the oral examination board shall be made by the selected vendor who will be conducting the oral exam, with the approval of the Civil Service Board.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 42.docx](#)
[Proposed Civil Service Rule Changes.docx](#)

Bill 43

Amending the 2025 Grants Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the State Office of the Budget, Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). These funds are a pass-through grant that will support Phoebe Ministries.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 43 - Phoebe RACP](#)

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

R52

Establishing a Special Committee for reviewing and developing Community Policing and collaborative efforts the Police Department is currently involved to create a strategic plan going forward that helps build partnerships between police, community members and organizations to address issues and opportunities collaboratively

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Mota and Napoli

Attachments: [R52 Community Policing.doc](#)

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.

