



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final City Council

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Please observe the Rules of Council when given privilege of the floor. A copy of the Council Rules can be found on the council agenda on the website.

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

When speakers have the privilege of the floor, personal insults, attacks, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose of conducting official business will not be tolerated. We are here to address city business.

Courtesy of the Floor is meant to provide public comments on items that are not on the agenda. Public comment during consideration of ordinances, resolutions and motions is limited by topic – your comments must be relevant to the subject matter of the proposed legislation. Public comments are taken before council votes on legislation.

You are given the privilege of the floor to provide public comment, it is not a question-and-answer session. State your position clearly and concisely for our consideration. If you speak 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 in place of everyone coming to the podium.

Please address the Council President on your city issue; not individual councilpersons or city staff. Refrain from insulting or defaming staff, officials, and the public; refrain from using offensive language, cursing, and making noises while other people are speaking.

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: The general idea for approving contracts is that the council acknowledges that proper procurement procedures were followed pursuant to the city code. The Clerk reads the resolution. After staff explains the process, there are comments from the dais and the public before a vote.

R53

Authorization for Contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. in the amount of \$238,135.45 for professional design services for school zone improvements funded through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Grant. These improvements aim to enhance pedestrian safety and accessibility near schools by implementing both updates to existing infrastructure and the establishment of new school zones. Three (3) proposals were received, contract shall be for one (1) year with one (1) additional one (1) year renewal beyond the contract expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R53 - Michael Baker](#)

R54

Authorization of Cooperative Contract(s) in an amount greater than \$40,000.00 to provide the City with various goods/services, for Quality & Assurance Tech Corp, Stryker Medical and General Recreation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R54 - 5.7.docx](#)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Communications

Chasers – If you parked in the city lot next to City Hall, please see the City Clerk for a voucher.

Old Business

REPORTS

Committee of the Whole: A Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for May 21st at 5:30 PM to review Bill 46.

Public Hearing – A Public Hearing is scheduled for June 18th at 6 PM on Bill 16. Bill 16 Amending Chapter 660 (ZONING) of the City of Allentown Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 6605 to remove the limitation on Preparation and provision of meals for only senior citizens within the community center definition.

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Santos, Gerlach

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

Community and Economic Development, Chair Mota, Hendricks, Napoli

The Committee met on Wednesday, April 23rd and forwarded items on this evening's agenda; the next meeting is scheduled for May 21st at 6 PM.

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting.. There is no future meeting scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Santos, Affa

The Committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Zucal, Mota

The Committee met this evening. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21st at 6:15PM.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Gerlach, Affa

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; no meetings are scheduled currently.

Controller's Report

The Controller submitted a report on Lights in the Parkway and Extra Duty and PD Uniform Services

The mayor has not submitted anything for the agenda.

Controller Reports: Lights in the Parkway, Extra Duty and Uniform Account Review

Attachments: [Lights in Parkway.pdf](#)
 [XTra Duty Uniform Acct Review.pdf](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On): Ordinances for final passage have been reviewed by Council at the Committee level.

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. The \$400,000 awarded in LSA funds will be used to rehabilitate the existing PAL Community Youth Education Center located at 2110 Park Drive in Allentown.

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 by upgrading one Maintenance Worker 2 (M08) position with a salary of \$43,950 to Greenskeeper (M16) with a salary of \$53,358 to better align with skills necessary for the position within a very competitive labor market.

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](#)

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda is for items that are considered ‘no brainers’ – no need to have the administration explain anything - the objective is to vote on all the resolutions at one time if there are no issues. The President asks if there is any request to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. If not, the clerk will read the titles of the resolutions. The President will ask for public comments, prior to council voting on the bundle.

R55

Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts: 1528 Linden St.; 625 Liberty St.; 519 Allen St.; 627 Liberty St. ; 412 N 8th St.; 424 N 11 St.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R55 L-HARB Resolution.doc](#)
[1528 LINDEN ST-FINAL REVIEW.pdf](#)
[625 LIBERTY ST- FINAL REVIEW.pdf](#)
[519 ALLEN ST-FINAL REVIEW.pdf](#)
[627 LIBERTY ST-FINAL REVIEW.pdf](#)
[412 N 8TH ST-FINAL REVIEW.pdf](#)
[424 N 11TH ST-FINAL REVIEW-ADDITION-NEW CONSTRUCTION.pdf](#)

R56

Ramon Nunez, Jr., Board of Parks and Recreation, 1/20/2026 (Filling the term of Maritza Dolich)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R56 Ramon Nunez, Jr., Board of Parks and Recreation, 1-20-2026.doc](#)
[Mayor Matt Tuerk Memo regarding Ramon Nunez, Jr.,Board of Parks and Recreation List.xlsx](#)

R57

Taylor Breinich, Shade Tree Commission, 5-8-2030

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R57 Taylor Breinich, Shade Tree Commission, 5-8-2030.doc](#)
[Mayor Matt Tuerk Memo regarding Taylor Breinich, Shade Tree Commission, 5-8-2030 Shade Tree Commission List.xlsx](#)

R58

Jean Raymond Hoffman, Human Relations Commission, 5-8-2028

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R58 Jean Raymond Hoffman, Human Relations Commission, 5-8-2028.doc](#)
[Mayor Matt Tuerk Memo regarding Jean Raymond Hoffman, Human Relations Commission List.xlsx](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE: Resolutions can be acted on when they are introduced; the resolutions here are scheduled for final passage. There is public comment before Council votes on the resolution.

R52

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

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Mota and Napoli

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

R59

Authorizes the submission of a formal application for funding for the Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant opportunity in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) with no match required to improve traffic safety and reduce crashes at high-risk intersections along the High Injury Network.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R59 - ARLE Grant Application](#)

R60

Authorizes the submission of a formal application for funding from the Safe Streets and Roads for All Implementation Grant Opportunity in the amount of Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) with a 20% City match requirement for safety upgrades and reconfiguration of Tilghman Street and Union Boulevard.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R60 - SS4A Implementation Grant Application](#)

R61

Approves the submission of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to HUD.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R61 - HUD CAPER Report](#)

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to an appropriate Committee that will meet in the future to review the bill; there is public comment prior to referral)

Bill 44 Refer to the Public Safety Committee

Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Two Cents (\$16,322.02) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) Grant to the Allentown Fire Department for the purchase of equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 44 Fire OSFC Grant Allocation](#)

Bill 45 Refer to Community and Economic Development Committee
Repealing Chapter 455, Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance, in its entirety and adopting the International Property Maintenance Code.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 45 Rental Code Amendment](#)

Bill 46 Refer to Committee of the Whole
AN ORDINANCE: Repealing and Replacing Chapter 27 DISCRIMINATION AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION with updated provisions expanding protected classes and prohibitions and establishing various other regulations.

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

Attachments: [Bill 46 HRC.docx](#)

[2024-106-ORD \(1\).pdf](#)

[Discrimination and Human Relations Commission.docx](#)

Bill 47 Refer to Allentown and Lehigh Valley Planning Commissions and the Community and Economic Development Committee
Request from Cedar Crest College to Rezone 2851-2865 College Drive from Low Density Residential (R-L) to Institutional-Governmental (I-G)

Attachments: [Bill 47 Rezoning.doc](#)

[Exhibit A 2851-2865 College Drive.pdf](#)

[Petition from Cedar Crest.pdf](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION - These resolutions would typically be sent to committee for review after public comments. There are no resolutions for introduction.

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.

Reference Materials:

Council Rules

Procurement Code

Ethics Code

Attachments: [Procurement Code](#)

[Ethics Code](#)

[Rules](#)

