



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Councilperson Mota

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Please observe the Rules of Council when addressing the body. A full copy of Council Rules can be found on the city website or by email if you contact Council office.

There are multiple opportunities to address Council. Individuals can speak during Courtesy of the Floor (addressing items not on the agenda) and during Bills and Resolutions on Final Passage and Introduction. When given the Floor, please go to the podium and state your name and address. All remarks must be directed towards the presiding officer or council as a body; not a particular Council member or elected official, the audience or city staff. Unless otherwise determined, individuals shall have three minutes to address council and individuals representing a bona-fide group shall have five minutes. Privilege of the Floor will not be extended for personal insults or personal attacks on any individual, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose and intent 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.

(Council Speaking Rules: Members and others given the privilege of the floor will address the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer will extend the courtesy to the Councilperson(s) responsible for introducing legislation the opportunity to speak first. Each member will have the right to speak twice on any subject. No Member will be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject without permission of the Presiding Officer. No Member will speak more than three (3) times on the question without the unanimous consent of all the Members present.

Approval of Minutes:

March 14, 2018 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [March 14, 2018 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes](#)

Old Business:

Follow ups from previous meetings:

The Mayor and Council are working on a slew of appointments that will be ready the next council meeting.

Communications

Council received the nomination of attorney Thomas F. Traud, Jr. for city solicitor and will be setting up a confirmation hearing on May 2nd at 5 PM.

We received a letter from Erich Schock indicating the zoning request filed on September 25, 2017 related to Barnes Lane has been withdrawn.

Proclamation for FBI

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota**

The Committee met this evening. The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 23rd. On May 2nd at 6:30 PM, Jamar Kelly from the State Department of Community and Economic Development will speak to council and the Mayor on their grant program relating to the early intervention program and long term financial planning.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Robinson, Guridy, Affa

The Committee met last Thursday after taking a tour of Casa Guadalupe and forwarded two items on tonight's agenda; the next meeting is not scheduled.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Affa, Zucal, Mota

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; a future meeting has been scheduled for May 2 prior to the council meeting to review two bills (franking privilege and direct report bills) and receive an update on the personnel study.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Robinson, MacLean

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; a future meeting has not been scheduled.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Affa, Zucal

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Hendricks, Robinson

The Committee met this evening; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair MacLean, Affa, Guridy

The Committee meeting this evening was canceled; a meeting will be scheduled in the near future to review a resolution to create a committee to review the charter (some components that have been suggested are listed below) and open government platform resolution.

Controller's Report**Draft Issues for Ad Hoc Committee to Review Charter:**

State Staff will review purpose of Home Rule; education on optional forms of government; review and compare our charter with model charter and recent home rule charters adopted by municipalities.

Legal Review of Charter – are there other items like the Earned Income Tax alleged limitation, referendum process or removal of officials from offices that are

not in compliance with State Law and need to be changed or so noted.

Interpretive Review – what ambiguity exists in the document that can be clarified with language or filling out details in the administrative code.

Critical Review – identification by the committee of any critical issues that might need to be changed.

Interviews with City Staff and other interested parties to determine issues they see with charter provisions related to the:

Budget Process – timelines and procedures

Capital Process – timelines and procedures

Default Budget

Procedures relating to the appointment and status of department directors, period for interim appointments and establishing residency.

Election by district

Solicitor – examine creation of full time solicitor and/or solicitor for City Council

Auditing and other Powers of the Controller – access to data, performance audits

Alternative forms of raising revenue

Land Value Tax

Rates of Pay of Controller, Mayor and Council.

Dovetailing/Amending Procedures relative to the Administrative Code to clarify procedures.

APPOINTMENTS:

The Mayor and Council are working out a number of appointments for the next council meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 8

Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars. This was a result of a mitigation fee contribution from City Center toward the cost of a study to survey the historic buildings along Hamilton Street from American Parkway to 12th Street as required by the Zoning Hearing Board.

Attachments: [Bill 8 Historical Survey Contribution](#)

[Background Information](#)

Legislative History

4/4/18	Community and Economic Development Committee	tabled
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Bill 11

Amending the 2018 Capital Fund Budget by transferring from the Residential Streets Project (1748) and the Refurbishing Building Facilities Project (2007) Account 46 to the 76 Account of the Refurbishing Building Facilities Project (2007) to provide funding for the replacement of the fueling station and underground storage tanks at the Municipal Garage on Vultee Street.

Attachments: [Bill 11 City Garage Gas Pumps](#)

Bill 12 Needs an amendment adding additional roll overs.
Amending the 2018 General Fund, the 2018 Risk Fund, the 2018 Solid Waste Fund and the 2018 Stormwater Fund by appropriating funds from the un-appropriated balances for the rollover of encumbrances for the prior year commitments.

Attachments: [Bill 12 PO Rollover 2017 to 2018](#)
 [Amended: PO ROLLOVER TO 2017 TO 2018](#)

Bill 13
Providing for the vacation of South Tenth Street from the centerline of Devonshire Road to vacated Rhodes Street

Attachments: [Bill 13 South Tenth Street from the centerline of Devonshire Road to the centerl](#)
 [S. 10th Street at Devonshire Road to Rhodes Street](#)
 [S. 10th Street at Devonshire Road to Rhodes Street Labels](#)
 [Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission - Street Vacation Request - Por](#)
 [South 10th Report](#)

Bill 14
Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget by transferring Five Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve (\$521,712) Dollars from the Unappropriated Balance. Three Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Eight (364,428) Dollars from various accounts within the General Fund and Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000) from the Solid Waste Fund to provide Nine Hundred Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred Forty (\$961,140) Dollars for the services provided by an outside vendor for the Malware remediation.

Attachments: [Bill 14 Malware Funding](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R56
Authorizes submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a grant of Twenty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Two Dollars (\$27,902.00) for pedestrian safety enforcement operations.

Attachments: [R 56 PennDOT Pedestrian Safety Grant](#)

R57
Authorizes encroachment for handicap access to building access at 725 N. 15th Street.

Attachments: [R57 Encroachment for Ramp and Handicap Access at 725 N. 15th Street](#)
 [Handicap Access to Building Access at 725 N. 15th Street](#)

R58
Approves a Certificates of Appropriateness for for 348 N. 8th Street except for any demolition of the structure.

Attachments: [R58 Carriage House](#)
 [204 N 8th St Review Sheet](#)

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

Bill 15 Refer to Public Safety
Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget and the 2018 Equipment Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) as a result from a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program, to the Allentown Fire Department to provide for Fire Pumper Engine. The grant funds will then be transferred from the General Fund to the Equipment Fund for proper distribution.

Attachments: [DCED Grant for Fire Engine](#)

Bill 16 Refer to Public Works
Amending the 2018 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Eight (\$1,998.00) Dollars. This was a result of payment in lieu of tree plantings for the purchase of new street trees.

Attachments: [Bill 16 7th Street PPL Proj](#)
 [Bill 16 PPL in Lieu of Trees](#)

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

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

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Council Rules and HR Charter

Attachments: [Council Rules](#)
 [Home Rule Charter](#)