



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Councilperson Robinson

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: None

Old Business

Bamboo Update: The State House and Senate passed a Controlled Plant and Noxious Weeds Bill that has language that would nullify local municipal ordinances. There was no mention of Bamboo in the bill but the Controlled Plant and Noxious Weed Committee will be taking suggestions on plants and weeds until June and formally address the issues in July. Nothing this, the Administration is sending letters to meet with the two property owners that currently have running bamboo and discuss their options to be in compliance with the City ordinance. Mr. Harper will keep us posted if anything changes.

Illegal Garages - Mike Weiss: Information was forwarded to the police to deal with the issue and Ms. Affa is having a conversation with the Parking Authority - people can't park on the streets illegally.

The Mayor and council are going to work on the application process for Authorities, Boards and Commissions - there appears to be agreement that the question on the application as to whether you have been arrested or not conflicts with the City's personnel policy. Ms. Mota will be coordinating the effort with councilperson to arrive at a satisfactory application that will be forwarded to the Mayor for his recommendations, review and approval.

Communications

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**Committee of the Whole:**

A Committee of the Whole is scheduled for next Wednesday at 6 PM to review the cannabis legislation being introduced this evening (tentative).

Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for May 23rd at 6 PM.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Robinson, Guridy, Affa

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; 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 May 23rd at 5 PM 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 met this evening; a future meeting is scheduled for May 16th at 5 PM.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Hendricks, Robinson

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; a future meeting has not yet meet scheduled.

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

The Committee met on Monday and acted on two items that appear before you this evening establishing special committees to look at the Home Rule Charter and an Open Data Policy.

APPOINTMENTS:

Appointments to the Authorities, Boards and Commissions:

Name	Term Expiration
ACIDA	
Patrick Palmer	01/01/23

Arts Commission

Tanya Tyler 01/03/21

Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals

Milagros (Millie) Canales 06/01/20

Environmental Advisory Board

Elizabeth Hunt 01/02/21

David Melman 01/01/19

Jennifer Swann 01/01/20

Historic Architectural Review Board

Shane Fillman 01/07/19

Human Relations

Hollis Perry 12/31/20

Patrick Palmer 01/01/20

Janet Morillo 04/04/21

Tracey Springer 02/01/19

Staci Marie Luton 01/25/19

Hamp Smith 10/26/19

Vinnie Tyrone Steiner 01/01/21

Daniel Benitez 11/01/20

Noise Control Board

Daniel Benitez 01/01/21

Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals

Laurie McShane 07/19/19

Planning Commission

Jeff Glazier 01/03/20

Vacant Property Review Board/Blighted Property Review Committee

Rebecca Williams 01/05/21

Water and Sewer Compliance Board

John Bartol 01/01/20

Zoning Hearing Board

Trent Sear 09/06/18

Bryan K. Geist 11/04/18

Attachments: [Bryan K. Geist - Zoning Hearing Board](#)
[Daniel Benitez - Noise Control Board](#)
[David N. Melman - Environmental Advisory Board](#)
[Elizabeth Hunt - Environmental Advisory Council](#)
[Hollis Perry - Human Relations Commission](#)
[Janet Morillo - Human Relations Commission](#)
[Jeff Glazier - Allentown City Planning Commission](#)
[Jennifer Swann - Environmental Advisory Council](#)
[John J. Bartol - Water and Sewer Compliance Board](#)
[Laurie McShane - Nuisance Abatement Appeals Board](#)
[Milagros Canales - Disruptive Conduct Board](#)
[Patrick Palmer - Human Relations Commission](#)
[Rebecca E. Williams - Vacant Property Review Board Blighted Property Review](#)
[Shane Fillman - Historic Architectural Review Board \(HARB\)](#)
[Staci Marie Luton - Human Relations Commission](#)
[Tanya Tyler - Arts Commission](#)
[Tracie Springer - Human Relations Commission](#)
[Trent Sear - Zoning Hearing Board](#)
[Vinnie Tyrone Steiner - Human Relations Commission](#)
[Memo from Mayor Ray O'Connell regarding Appointments and Reappointments](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 15

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: [Bill 15 DCED Grant for Fire Engine](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R55

Authorization for a Contract with NW Financial Group, LLC for \$63,000 to assist the City with short- and long-term debt financing and long-range financial planning - a one year contract with two additional one year renewal terms, competitively bid, one proposal.

Attachments: [R55 NW Financial Group](#)

R64

Authorization the creation of Special Committees to Review and make Recommendations

on the Home Rule Charter and an Open Data Policy

Attachments: R64 - Special Committees

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

Bill 17 Refer to Committee of the Whole

An Ordinance providing for the penalties related to the possession and personal use of marijuana; and the personal possession of marijuana paraphernalia.

Sponsors: Affa, Guridy, Mota and Mr. Robinson

Attachments: [Bill 17 Cannabis](#)

Bill 18 Refer to Budget and Finance

Amending the 2018 Solid Waste Fund Budget by transferring One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred (\$137,700) Dollars from the unappropriated balance to cover unbudgeted expenses in 2018. Funds are available due to unexpected receipt of funds from the Allentown Parking Authority for street cleaning services.

Attachments: [Bill 18 SOLID WASTE- PARKING AUTHORITY EXPENSE](#)

Bill 19

Amending the 2018 Capital Fund Budget by transferring Fifty Thousand Eighty Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$50,080.41) within Capital Project 1805 – Emergency Water Repairs and transferring One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$119,429.99) from Capital Project 1743 - Mechanical Renovations Wastewater Plant and One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand (\$116,663.00) Dollars from Capital Project 1806 – Emergency Sewer Repairs to Capital Project 1805 – Emergency Water Repairs to reimburse the Lehigh County Authority a total of Two Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Forty Cents (\$286,173.40) for work they have completed

Attachments: [Bill 19 LCA PAYMENT TRANSFER](#)

Bill 20 Refer to Budget and Finance

Amending the 2018 Grant Fund Budget by transferring Twelve Thousand Five Hundred (\$12,500) Dollars from the Unappropriated Balance to correct the appropriation of a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant for Sacred Heart Hospital.

Attachments: [Bill 20 State Retainage Sacred Heart RACP Grant](#)

Bill 21 Refer to Budget and Finance

Amending the 2018 Capital Fund Budget by transferring from Capital Project 1243 – Water System Security Upgrades to Capital Project 1227 – Automatic Meter Reading in the amount of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars for the continuation of replacing water meters. The Automatic Meter Reading project is one of the uncompleted projects under the Water/Sewer Lease Agreement with the Lehigh County Authority.

Attachments: [Bill 21 AMR 2018 TRANSFER](#)

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

R63 Refer to Committee of the Whole
Recommends the State House and Senate make the possession or personal use of a small amount of cannabis a summary offense, rather than a misdemeanor.

Sponsors: Affa, Guridy, Mota and Mr. Robinson

Attachments: [R63 Cannabis and State](#)

NEW BUSINESS**GOOD AND WELFARE****ADJOURN**

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Council Rules and HR Charter

Attachments: [HOMERULE March 2018](#)

[Council Rules April 2018](#)