



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Ed Zucal

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 Meeting Minutes

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

March 28, 2018 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [March 28, 2018 Special Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Old Business

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota

The Committee met on Monday. The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

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 met on May 8th prior to the Committee of the Whole – the solicitor's office is reviewing two bills (franking privilege and direct report bills).

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 meeting; a future meeting is scheduled for May 16th at 5 PM.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Hendricks, Robinson

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

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

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

Controllers Report**Communications**

Proclamation: Dennis Pearson

APPOINTMENTS:

Hamp R. Smith - Human Relations-10/25/2019

Hamp R. Smith - Recreation Board- 02/20/2023

Pastor Gus Al-Khal - Civil Service Board-01/21/2021

Robert Velez - Civil Service Board- 01/21/2019

Janet Keshl - Civil Service Board-01/21/2019

Appointments

Attachments: [Memo Appointments](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 17 Forwarded Favorably, 4-3 (Hendricks, MacLean, Zucal)
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](#)

Cannabis Information

Attachments: [Letter from District Attorney James B. Martin - Marijuana](#)
[SAM Smart Approaches to Marijuana - Marijuana and Health](#)
[SAM Smart Approaches to Marijuana - Marijuana Legalization Issues](#)
[SAM Smart Approaches to Marijuana - Quick Facts](#)
[SAM Smart Approaches to Marijuana - Reefer Sanity Seven Great Myths About](#)
[SAM Smart Approaches to Marijuana - To 10 Messages Against Legalization](#)
[Would Legal Marijuana Reduce Our Criminal Justice Costs](#)
[NORML](#)
[Allentown City possession 5 year 2017](#)
[allentown mj by race 2017](#)
[PhillyPD 2017 vs 2013 mj arrests](#)
[Allentown Marijuana Ordinance MEMO 5.15.2018](#)
[Pittsburgh Marijuana Ordinance MEMO 9.4.15](#)
[Doug Tieman](#)
[2013 - 2017 Drug Arrest Data](#)

Bill 18 Budget and Finance, Forwarded Favorably
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 Budget and Finance, Forwarded Favorably
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 Budget and Finance, Forwarded Favorably
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 Budget and Finance, Forwarded Favorably
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 FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R63 Forwarded Favorably, 7-0.

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: [State and Weed](#)

R67

Recommends the State House and Senate provide for the expungement of criminal records tied to low-level marijuana convictions

Sponsors: Guridy, Mota and Mr. Robinson

Attachments: [R67 Expunging Final](#)

R68

Authorizes encroachment for benches and trash/recycling bins in the 500 block of West Court Street

Attachments: [R68 500 W Court benches-trash bins Encroachment](#)
[500 blk of Court benches trash bins application](#)

R69

Authorizes encroachment for bicycle racks @ 707 N 4th Street

Attachments: [R69 707 N 4th Street - Bike Racks](#)
[707 N 4th St 3rd and 4th Bike Racks Photo](#)
[707 N 4th St Application](#)
[707 N 4th St First Bike Rack Photo](#)
[707 N 4th St Second Bike Rack Photo](#)

R70

Authorizes encroachment for access and emergency exits at Symphony Hall access and emergency exits on the 500 block of West Court Street on the north side between 6th and Law

Attachments: [R70 500 W Court steps Encroachment](#)
[500 Court Application](#)

R71

Sewage Planning Module - Southside Homes by Smart Living at 4th and Barber Streets

Attachments: [R71 Sewage Planning Module - Southside Homes by Smart Living at 4th and B;](#)
[Smart Living Barber Street, LLC Documents](#)
[Project Narrative & Alternative Sewage Facilities Analysis - Smart Living Barber](#)
[Smart Living Barber Street, LLC - Map 3, Map 7, and May 4](#)

R72

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:

1036 W. Tuner Street, 618 N. 6th Street, 429 N. 8th Street, 1031 Linden Street

Attachments: [R72 HARB - 1036 Turner Street, 618 N. 6th Street, 429 N. 8th Street, 1031 Linc](#)
[1036 Turner St St FINAL REVIEW SHEET DENIAL](#)
[618 N 6th St FINAL REVIEW SHEET DENIAL](#)
[429 N 8th St FINAL REVIEW SHEET DENIAL](#)
[1031 Linden St FINAL REVIEW SHEET DENIAL](#)

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

Bill 22 Refer to CEDC

Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) to fund a Historical Preservation Specialist Consultant to assist the City's Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB).

Attachments: [Bill 22 PHMC HARB Grant](#)
[PHMC HARB Grant Award Letter.docx](#)

Bill 23 Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2018 Capital Fund Budget by transferring Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars from Capital Project 1905 City Wide Park and Playground Improvement to Capital Project 2208 Auburn Cross Trails for the City's match to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development grant for the planning phase of Auburn Cross Trails.

Attachments: [Bill 23 Auburn Cross Trails Transfer](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee): None

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

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