



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

This meeting is being live streamed and recorded. The video will be posted on the city website. Remember your manners, exhibit good behavior and smile.

Invocation: Councilperson Affa

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:

June 5, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [June 5, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

June 19, 2019 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

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June 19, 2019 Special Meeting - Solicitor Nomination (Matthew Kloiber)

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Old Business

Communications

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Robinson, Guridy, Affa

The Committee has not met since last Council meeting; a future meeting is in the process of being scheduled – possibly next Wednesday.

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

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Robinson, MacLean

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

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Affa, Zucal

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

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Hendricks, Robinson

The Committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time. We are looking at a Water & Sewer Compliance Review Board meeting on August 5th prior to the council meeting to discuss the 2018 Annual Report.

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

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

Controllers Report

Administration Report

APPOINTMENTS:

Christian J. Brown, Shade Tree Commission, 04/26/2023

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Shade Tree Commission - Christian J. Brown](#)

William Harvey, Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code Board of Appeals,
08/05/2021

Attachments: [Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code Board of Appeals - Harvey and S](#)

Scotty G. Smith, Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code Board of Appeals,
08/05/2021

Attachments: [Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code Board of Appeals - Harvey and S](#)

Arundahati Khanwalkar, Water and Sewer Compliance Board, 05/01/2023

Attachments: [Memo from Mayor Ray O'Connell regarding Water and Sewer Compliance Board](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 40

Provides for the vacation of Howe Street from centerline of North Church Street to the centerline of North Emery Street and the vacation of North Emery Street from the centerline of Howe Street to the centerline of Court Street in the Fifth Ward of the City of Allentown.

Attachments: [Bill 40 Howe Street from centerline of North Church Street to the centerline of N](#)
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding North Emery Street a](#)
[Pocket Park Access Agreement \(FULLY EXECUTED\) 05.30.2019 - Howe](#)
[Pocket Park - Street Vacation Petition 04.25.2019 \(FULLY EXECUTED\) - Howe](#)
[Emery and Howe Street Vacation Labels](#)
[Letter from David Kimmerly from Planning Department regarding Planning Com](#)
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding North Emery Street a](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding N Emery St from W Court St to W Howe and](#)

Bill 38

Amending the 2019 Risk Fund Budget by transferring One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000) Dollars from the unappropriated balance of the Risk Fund for Employee Health Benefits.

Attachments: [Bill 38 Risk Transfer for Health Insurance](#)

Bill 42

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Thirty-Three (\$333.00) Dollars. This was a result of payment in lieu of tree plantings from Elias Market, Inc. for the Elias Market Parking Extension Project. Funds will be used for the purchase of new street trees.

Attachments: [Bill 42 Elias Trees](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R59

Authorizes the Execution of the Certification Agreement Between the City of Allentown and Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R59 Certified Local Government Program](#)
[CLG_CertificationAgreement_Allentown](#)

R60

City Council and the Administration support repealing the firework provisions of Act 43, giving local municipalities agency to develop regulations relating to fireworks and asks the solicitor's office to investigate all legal remedies to deal with public safety and quality of life issues because of the state allowing the expanded sale and use of fireworks.

Sponsors: Hendricks, Mr. Zucal, Affa, Mr. Robinson, Administration and MacLean

Attachments: [R60 Repealing the Fireworks Provision](#)

R61

Sewage Planning Module for Medical Building at 1417 Hanover Avenue - certifies capacity

Attachments: [R61 Medical Building Hanover St \(CSL Shell\) - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[Medical Building Hanover St \(CSL Shell\) - Sewage Planning Module Document](#)

R62

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:

209 N 10th St., 219 N 10th St., 222 N 10th St. 244 N 10th St., and 537 Liberty St.

Attachments: [R62 July 2019 HARB Cases](#)
[209 N 10th St. Final Review](#)
[222 N 10th St. Final Review](#)
[244 N 10th St. Final Review](#)
[219 N 10th St. Final Review](#)
[537 Liberty St. Final Review](#)

R63

Sewage Planning Module for Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley, Semi-Detached Home Development at 640 N. Tacoma Street

Attachments: [R63 Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley, Semi-Detached Home Developpr](#)
[Sewage Planning Module - Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley Document](#)
[Sewage Planning Module - Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley Map](#)

Request to suspend the rules and introduce this.

R64

Creates an ad hoc committee to take the following steps and report back to the full council no later that one month after the passage of this resolution:

1. Review data relating to trends and the current spike of violence.

2. Review current response(s) and existing programs.
3. Examine Options/Alternative courses of action.

Sponsors: Guridy, Mr. Robinson and Hendricks

Attachments: R64 Special Ad Hoc Committee

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

Bill 43 Refer to Public Works

Amending Article 507 (Traffic control Maps) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown. The Administration is authorized to establish and evaluate traffic regulations for a temporary period not to exceed 90 days. This legislation makes the temporary changes permanent.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 43 Traffic Control Maps](#)

Bill 44 Refer to CEDC

Amending the 2019 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) from Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) to hire a professional historic preservation consultant to complete a historic preservation plan. This is an increase to the original grant amount of Twenty-Two Thousand (\$22,000) Dollars.

Attachments: [Bill 44 PHMC GRANT INCREASE - HARB](#)

[PHMC HARB GRANT INCREASE LETTER](#)

Bill 45 Refer to Public Safety

Amending the 2019 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Eight (\$57,398) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Justice grant to the City of Allentown for the purchase of InTime scheduling software (\$39,420) and Lehigh County's portion to purchase a drone to document crime scenes and accidents from an aerial point of view (\$17,987).

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 45 Police JAG Grant](#)

Bill 46 Refer to CEDC

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget and the 2019 General Fund by transferring One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars from Capital Project 2400 – Blight Removal and Remediation to the 2019 General Fund, Community and Economic Development Department for preparation of the 2020 Census.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 46 Transfer for Census Prep](#)

Bill 47 Refer to CEDC

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget and the 2019 General Fund by transferring Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars from Capital Project 2400 – Blight Removal and Remediation

and One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Seventh-Five Cents (\$1,276.75) from Capital Project 2203 – Lights In The Parkway Improvements to the 2019 General Fund, Community and Economic Development Department, Lights In The Parkway Program for the expansion of the event to include a walk-through display around Bogert's Bridge and the Gift Barn.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 47 LIGHTS IN THE PARKWAY TRANSFER](#)

Bill 48 Refer to CEDC, Lehigh Valley and City Planning Commissions Amending the Zoning Code, Article 1327 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown, Re: Additional Requirements for Specific Uses by reducing the amount of storage required in new multi-family dwelling units.

Attachments: [Bill 48 Storage Space Ordinance](#)

[Letter from Irene Woodward from Planning Department regarding Amending the](#)

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

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

Council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 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.