



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Councilperson Affa

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call: Council President Hendricks

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:

November 26, 2019 Management and Financial Audit Presentation Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [November 26, 2019 Management and Financial Audit Presentation Meeting Min](#)

December 4, 2019 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

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December 17, 2019 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

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Old Business

Communications

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

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:30 pm (agenda items include Bill 2, the pass through grant for Promise Neighborhood, financial and capital reports, Novak recommendations relating to finance, and, if time permits, perhaps the transfer and contract process).

CEDC: Chair Guridy, Gerlach, Affa

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; there is nothing scheduled at this time.

The Chair is in the process of setting up a meeting to make some adjustments to the Council of Youth legislation recently passed.

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

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for January 22nd at 5:30 (agenda includes discussion of a draft bill establishing a commission on the homeless).

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Gerlach, Siegel

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; there is nothing scheduled at this time.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; next meeting is scheduled for February 19, time to be determined.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel

The committee has not met since the last Council meeting, the next meeting will be on February 5th prior to the council meeting.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Hendricks, Guridy, Gerlach

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; there is nothing scheduled at this time.

City Controller**Administration**

APPOINTMENTS:**Board of Recreation Appointments from the School Board - Nancy Wilt and Phoebe Harris**

Appointment Recreation Board - Nancy Wilt, 1/21/2021

Appointment Recreation Board - Phoebe Harris, 1/21/2021

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

R3

Appointment of the Director of Planning - Irene Woodward

Attachments: [R3 - Director of Planning Appt.](#)

R4

Appointment of Assistant City Solicitor - Jorge M. Pereira

Attachments: [R4 - Assistant City Solicitor](#)
 [Cover letter Allentown - Jorge M. Pereira](#)
 [Jorge Pereira - Resume](#)

R5

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Allentown Authorizing the Preparation and Submission of Declarations of Taking and Related Documentation pursuant to the Eminent Domain Code of 1964, as amended, to Acquire Certain Property at 1709 Oxford Drive, Allentown, PA 18103, identified by the Lehigh County Assessment Office as Parcel Number 549555288036

Attachments: [R5 Alton Park ED](#)
 [Map AP](#)
 [Alton Park Document](#)

R6

Authorizes the Disposition of 2019 Records pursuant to State Law

Attachments: [R6 Records](#)
 [Records Retention List](#)

R7

Supports HB 432, amending the Worker's Compensation Act by providing compensation for Post-Traumatic Stress Injury for First Responders

Sponsors: Mr. Zucal, Affa, Mr. Siegel, Administration and Mota
Attachments: [R7 PTD](#)
 [HB432 with amendment](#)

R8

Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic District at 326 N 9th St.

Attachments: [R8 - January 2020 HARB Case](#)
[326 N 9th St final review](#)

R9

Amending Resolution #29888 which Authorized Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a Grant of Two Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred-Fifty Dollars (\$249,550) to support Casa Guadalupe Center in conducting exterior renovations to the Center - this simply increases the grant submission value by \$10,850

Attachments: [R9 CASA Local Share Grant Amendment](#)
[Resolution #29888](#)

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

Bill 1 Refer to Public Works

Providing for the vacation of a portion of Ruhr Street from the centerline of Spring Street to the centerline of vacated Hickory Street in the Eighteenth Ward of the City of Allentown.

Attachments: [Bill 1 Ruhr Street - Vacation](#)
[Ruhr Street Staff Report](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding S. Ruhr Street from Hickory Street to Spring](#)
[Letter from Irene Woodward from the Planning Department regarding Vacation](#)
[Letter from Michael Donchez from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission rega](#)
[S. Ruhr Street from Hickory Street to Spring Street - Street Vacation Map](#)
[S. Ruhr Street from Hickory Street to Spring Street - Street Vacation Documents](#)
[Ruhr Street Vacation Labels](#)

Bill 2 Refer to Budget and Finance ?

Amending the 2020 Grant Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Six (\$149,836.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Gun Violence Reduction Initiative Grant to the City of Allentown as a pass-through grant to Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley toward the implementation of Allentown Zero Youth Violence Program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 2 Zero Youth Violence Grant](#)

Bill 3 Refer to Public Works

Providing for the vacation of a portion of Lawn Street SW from the centerline of Alton Avenue to the centerline of unopened Ruby Street in the Twelfth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 3 Lawn Street SW](#)
[Allentown Planning Commission Approval - Lawn Street SW](#)
[Report - Lawn Street SW](#)
[Letter from David Kimmerly regarding Vacation of Lawn Street SW from Alton to](#)
[Letter from Douglas Stewart regarding Vacation of Lawn Street SW from Alton to](#)
[Lawn Street from Alton Avenue to Ruby Street - Labels](#)
[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding Lawn Street SW from](#)
[Lawn Street from Alton Avenue to Ruby Street](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Lawn Street from Alton Avenue to Ruby Street](#)

Bill 4 Refer to CEDC, City Planning Commission and LVPC
Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Allentown by rezoning parcels:
549645774014 (303-319 St. Elmo Street) and 549646507548 (1940 Fairview Street)
from P Parks to R-MP Medium Density Residential – Planned District

Attachments: [Bill 4 St. Elmo Street - Rezoning](#)
[St. Elmo Street Map](#)
[Letter from Irene Woodward from the Planning Department regarding Amending](#)
[Letter from Irene Woodward from the Planning Department regarding Rezoning](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Rezoning Request Petition for Parcel 549646507548](#)

Bill 5 Refer to Public Safety
Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of
Fifty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two (\$52,482.00) Dollars from the United
States Department of Justice Byrne JAG Grant to the City of Allentown as a pass-through
grant to the County of Lehigh toward the Lehigh County Regional Intelligence and
Investigation Center (RIIC).

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [RIIC JAG Grant](#)

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

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

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