



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Council President Hendricks

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:

January 15, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [January 15, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

February 5, 2020 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [February 5, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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Old Business

Communications

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Special Committee to Review the Home Rule Charter: President Hendricks
Pursuant to Rule XI, B, Special Committees can be created by the President or by resolution for a duration not to exceed 6 months unless reestablished. At the request of the of Vice President Guridy, I have created a special committee, to review the Home Rule Charter and make recommendations to the full council – the committee will be chaired by Mr. Guridy and the members will include Ms. Gerlach and Mr. Siegel.

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Guridy, Mota

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for February 26; the agenda includes review of draft legislation relating to responsible contractors, the monthly finances and any additional items or legislation the committee is interested in. A copy of the RC legislation is attached to this agenda.

CEDC: Chair Guridy, Gerlach, Affa

The committee met on February 12th and forwarded two items on tonight's agenda.

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

The committee met this evening and forwarded a bill on tonight's agenda. There are not future meetings scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Gerlach, Siegel

The committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee met this evening; the committee will meet prior to the next council meeting.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the committee will meet prior to the next council meeting.

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

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; we are in the process of setting up a meeting with the school district.

City Controller**Administration**

Draft RCP Legislation

Attachments: [2020-Model RCP Ordinance & Resolution-2-17-20](#)
 [2020-RCP-Model Certification Form-DRAFT-2-14-20](#)

Controller Stuff

Attachments: [AP - Check Review](#)
 [Bank Rec Cover Letter](#)
 [Bank Rec](#)
 [Cover Letter - AP](#)

APPOINTMENTS:

John D. Stanley, Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority,
01/01/2025 (Reappointment)

Attachments: [Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority - John D. S](#)

Legislative History

2/5/20 City Council tabled

Sharon A. Fraser, Human Relations Commission, 12/31/2020

Attachments: [Memo from Mayor Ray O'Connell regarding Appointment to Human Relations C](#)

Joshua Siegel - Police Pension and Aggregate Board - terms to expire January 2022

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 6 CEDC, Recommended Favorably
Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of
Thirty-Nine Thousand Ninety-Six Dollars (\$39,096) from the Pennsylvania Department of
Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness and Response to expand Opioid
awareness and education activities in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant.

Attachments: [Bill 6 Opioid Awareness Grant](#)

Bill 7 Public Safety, this evening
Amending the 2020 Grant Fund Budget and the 2020 General Fund to provide for a
transfer of Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Eight (\$3,368) Dollars from the Grant
Fund to the General Fund to cover administration fees as a result of a previous grant.

Attachments: [Bill 7 JAG Grant Transfer](#)

Bill 8 HR, Admin and Appts - this evening
Establishing a Homeless Commission

Sponsors: Gerlach, Guridy, Mota, Mr. Siegel and Administration

Attachments: [Bill 8 Homeless Commission](#)

Bill 9 Parks and Rec, this evening
Amends the COY legislation by refining the composition of the membership

Attachments: [Bill 9 COY Amendment](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R115

Authorizes the City Solicitor's Office to file a petition with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to exempt a specific area of the City of Allentown, described herein, from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Boards regulations regarding amplified music being heard off the licensed premises in favor of enforcing the city's own previously adopted Noise Ordinance, Article 710, of the City of Allentown's Codified Ordinances.

Sponsors: Administration, Affa and MacLean

Attachments: [R115 File Petition with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board](#)

[ATTACHMENT A - Allentown Noise Ordinance 710](#)

[ATTACHMENT B](#)

Legislative History

12/17/19 City Council tabled

R19

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:
214 N Fountain St.

Attachments: [R19 - February 2020 HARB Cases 214 N Fountain St.](#)

[214 N Fountain St Final Review](#)

R20

Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019

Sponsors: Mr. Siegel, Gerlach and Administration

Attachments: [R20 Carbon Dividend](#)

R21

Sewage Planning Module for Luv & Hugs at 309 East Hamilton Street

Attachments: [R21 Luv & Hugs - Sewage Planning Module](#)

[Sewage Planning Module for Luv & Hugs at 309 East Hamilton Street Documen](#)

R22

Sewage Planning Module for Riverview Lofts Allentown at 114 W. Allen Street

Attachments: [R22 Riverview Lofts Allentown - Sewage Planning Module](#)

[Sewage Planning Module for Riverview Lofts Allentown at 114 W. Allen Street C](#)

R23

Sewage Planning Module for South Carlisle Street and East Cumberland Street at 230 & 240 East Cumberland Street

Attachments: [R23 South Carlisle Street and East Cumberland Street - Sewage Planning Mod](#)
[Sewage Planning Module for South Carlisle Street and East Cumberland Street](#)

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

Bill 10 Refer to Public Works

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Forty Cents (\$7,364.40). This was the result of payment in lieu of tree plantings from City Center Investment Corp., Urban Residential Properties, LLC and Luis C. Groff. Funds will be used for the purchase of new street trees.

Attachments: [Bill 10 Shade Tree Donations](#)

Bill 11 Refer to CEDC

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) from Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) to hire a professional historic preservation consultant to prepare a complete revision of the City's design guidelines for the Historic Districts

Attachments: [Bill 11 PHMC GRANT - HARB](#)
[PHMC GRANT AWARD LETTER](#)

Bill 12 Refer to Public Safety

Amending the Civil Service Board (CSB) Rules for Police Officers that were adopted pursuant to the provisions of Article 155 of the Codified Ordinances by revising the rules for application and qualifications for appointment of Police Officers and Fire Fighters.

Attachments: [Bill 12 Police Civil Service Rules](#)

Bill 13 Refer to Public Works

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Seven (\$2,650,167) Dollars. This was the result of payment from UGI for the construction of ADA handicap ramps, milling and paving streets under the City's Utility Paving Program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 13 Utility Paving Program](#)

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

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

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