



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, March 4, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Invocation: Councilperson Gurdy

#### 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:

February 19, 2020 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [February 19, 2020 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes](#)

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#### Old Business

#### Communications:

#### Proclamation for Hometown Boxers

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

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 25.

**CEDC: Chair Guridy, Gerlach, Affa**

The committee met this evening; a meeting is scheduled for March 11 at 7 PM.

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

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

**Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Gerlach, Siegel**

The committee has not met since the last Council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

**Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal**

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

**Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel**

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

**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****APPOINTMENTS:**

Shalon Buskirk, Human Relations Commission, 01/05/2022 (Reappointment)

**Attachments:** [Reappointment to Human Relations Commission - Shalon Buskirk](#)

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

Bill 10 Public Works, this evening

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    CEDC, this evening

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) from the 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    Public Safety, this evening

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    Public Works, this evening

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 FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

R17

Property to Be Acquired by Eminent Domain by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown

Amendment: Remove 1216 Chew, 1250 Gordon and 147 Elsworth from the list.

**Attachments:**      [R17 Blighted Properties](#)

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

Bill 14    Refer to CEDC

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$39,000) from the CDC Foundation to create and expand efforts to combat the opioid epidemic.

**Attachments:**      [Bill 14 Opioid Awareness Grant](#)

Bill 15    Refer to CEDC

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of

One Million Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Four (\$1,968,774.00) Dollars from the Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone District Authority (ANIZDA) Public Improvement Fund for improvements at Center Square and on Hamilton Street between 5th Street and Church Street as well as the South side of 6th Street between Hamilton and Type Streets.

**Attachments:** [Bill 15 ANIZDA Project Funding](#)

Bill 16 Refer to CEDC

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$347,500.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Health Lead Hazard Control Program for a Lead Grant to abate lead in residential properties. Also removing Federal funds from the 2019 Lead Grant that is completed. These grants are on a reimbursable basis.

**Attachments:** [Bill 16 Lead Grant](#)

Bill 17 Refer to CEDC

Amending the 2020 General Fund budget by reorganizing the Community Housing Development Program within the Department of Community Development to better align the positions with the State grant requirements.

**Attachments:** [Community Housing Manager](#)  
[Bill 17 Program Reorg](#)  
[Marketing Social Media Manager](#)  
[Project Manager Job Description](#)

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

R30

Transfer for Negative Balances and Debt Refinancing

\$591,631.94 in the Public Safety/Police – Negative Balance Transfer Re-allocation funds from Accounts #000-04-0802-0001-05 (Education Pay), 000-04-0802-0001-07 (Extra Duty Pay), 000-04-0802-0001-08 (Longevity), 000-04-0802-0001-09 (Uniform Allowance), 000-04-0802-0001-11 (Shift Differential), 000-04-0802-0001-08 (Longevity), 000-04-0802-0001-09 (Uniform Allowance), 000-04-0802-0001-26 (Printing), 000-04-0802-0001-28 (Mileage Reimbursement), 000-04-0802-0001-32 (Publications & Membership), 000-04-0802-0001-34 (Training), 000-04-0802-0001-42 (Repairs & Maintenance), 000-04-0802-0001-46 (Other Contract Services), 000-04-0802-0001-56 (Uniforms), 000-04-0802-0001-68 (Operating Materials & Supp), 000-04-0802-0001-72 (Equipment), 000-04-0802-0004-03 (Holiday Pay), 000-04-0802-0004-05 (Education Pay), 000-04-0802-0004-46 (Other Contract Services), 000-04-0802-0004-56 (Uniforms), and 000-04-0802-0004-62 (Fuels, Oils & Lubricants) to Account 000-04-0802-0001-03 (Holiday Pay), and 000-04-0802-0001-03 (Premium Pay).

\$537,586.68 in Budget and Administration – Department of Finance – Transfer is required, due to the initial transfer Ordinance #15547, June 5, 2019, stated the 2019

refinancing of debt saved the City some monies. This savings allowed the City to make the third loan payment to the Solid Waste Fund from the Interfund Transfer Account in General and Civic as was outlined in the ordinance. However, the savings was from the refinancing of the Pension Obligation Bond. This reduced our pension cost for 2019, hence the savings was in the Pension Account of ALL funds, departments and programs from Accounts #000-01-0101-0000-14, #000-01-0201-0000-14, #000-01-0301-0000-14, #000-01-0501-0000-14, #000-02-0602-0000-14, #000-02-0602-0003-14, #000-01-0602-0004-14, #000-01-0602-0005-14, #000-01-0602-0006-14, #000-01-0701-0000-14, #000-01-0701-0002-14, #000-03-0702-0000-14, #000-03-0707-0000-14, #000-03-0716-0000-14, #000-03-0807-0000-14, #000-03-0808-0002-14, #000-04-0802-0000-14, #000-04-0802-0004-14, #000-05-0605-0003-14, #000-05-0803-0002-14, #000—06-0603-0000-14, #000-07-0604-0000-14, #000-08-0709-0000-14, #000-08-0905-0002-14, #000-09-0901-0000-14, #000-09-0901-0002-14, #000-09-0901-0004-14, #000-09-0901-0004-14, #000-09-0901-0006-14, #000-09-0901-0007-14, #000-09-0902-0000-14, #000-09-0902-0003-14, #000-09-0902-0004-14, 000-09-0903-0000-14, 000-09-0903-0005-14, 000-09-0903-0006-14, 000-09-0908-0000-14, 000-09-0908-0002-14, 000-09-0908-0003-14, #000-09-0908-0004-14, 000-09-0908-0005-14, 000-09-0908-0006-14, 000-09-0908-0007-14, 000-09-0908-0008-14, 000-09-0908-0011-14, 000-09-0908-0012-14, 000-09-0908-0017-14, 000-09-0908-0018-14, 000-09-0908-0019-14 to Account #000-01-0609-0001-88 (General & Civic Interfund Transfer).

**Attachments:**

[R30 Approval of a Transfer](#)

[Due To The Initial Transfer Ordinance #15547 to Refinance Debt](#)

[Ordinance #15547](#)

[Negative Balance Transfer Reallocation of Funds - Public Safety Police](#)

## NEW BUSINESS

## GOOD AND WELFARE

## ADJOURN

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