



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, June 3, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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City Hall is still closed. Public comments will be accepted in writing through an email to the City Clerk at [Michael.Hanlon@Allentownpa.gov](mailto:Michael.Hanlon@Allentownpa.gov). Emailed public comment must be submitted by 5:00 pm on the day of the meeting to make it available and distribute it. The comments received will be read into the record by the City Clerk. The email must follow the regular format of council meetings – include your name and address on the email. A Courtesy of the Floor section will be created for items not on the agenda. Please forward these requests to the City Clerk's email noted above.

**Live Comments During the Meeting: Email - Council will be taking live comments during the meeting following the regular protocols using email. Email can be sent to the City Clerk at [Michael.Hanlon@Allentownpa.gov](mailto:Michael.Hanlon@Allentownpa.gov) or to [Public.Comment@Allentownpa.gov](mailto:Public.Comment@Allentownpa.gov). A reminder that comments must be directed to legislation under review except for Courtesy of the Floor.**

The meeting is live streamed and can be found at the city website: <https://www.allentownpa.gov/> under Public Meetings or simply go directly to the link <https://allentownpa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. Make sure the drop-down menu references City Council and is on the current month. The complete agenda and legislation are found there. When the meeting starts, it will say Meeting in Progress on the right-hand side. Click that and you will join the meeting. The live stream works best with up to date browsers. After the meeting is over, the video will be uploaded into the file. Should you have any questions on this, call the City Council Office at 610-437-7556.

**Record of Meeting: The video and minutes of the meeting will be posted on the City website as soon as possible after the meeting for review.**

**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.*

Julian Kern

"I am following up on my courtesy of the floor comments from the last city council meeting on May 20th regarding the juvenile community service program.

There seemed to be some confusion or misunderstanding regarding the program I was referring to and the one that is ran through the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department.

The juvenile community service program I was referring to was ran by the Allentown Police Department's civilian community police coordinator (Al Molinatti) not Lehigh County Juvenile Probation. I have spoken to Ryan Schaffer, one of the supervisors with Lehigh County Juvenile Probation and he remembers the program the city had that I am referring to. He told me that Al Molinatti would coordinate with juvenile probation to assist with manpower and projects, but the program was totally separate from the one that Lehigh County Probation runs.

The program the city had was stopped because Al Molinatti was laid off by Mayor Roy C. Afflerbach back in 2005 due to budget cuts at the time. Craig mentioned that community service is done at the recycling yard but that is through the Lehigh County Probation's program, not the program I am referring to that the city had. The program I am referring to was not for juveniles in probation. It was for juveniles who committed minor offenses such as truancy, vandalism, etc. Minor offenses that did not reach the level of probation. When I spoke to Ryan Schaffer about the program, he agreed that the program the city had was an excellent program for juveniles who committed offenses that did not meet the probation status and was a useful program.

The program the city had was geared towards improving the community such as picking up litter in neighborhoods, planting flowers at parks, cleaning up parks, taking handbills of utility poles, etc. That is why I also brought up the issue of painting lines for the curbs. I have some experience with the program because I participated in the program for truancy when I was a teenager. I was ordered by the magistrate judge to complete fifty hours of community service and reported to Al Molinatti at the Allentown police station along with other juveniles. Al would then take us to city neighborhoods with a police officer or two and we would pick up litter. We also helped pick up litter at franklin park, working with the franklin park association. We also helped plant flowers at the park.

Julio mentioned that people may not think the program is in operation because Al Molinatti isn't running the program, but the thing is the program I am referring to isn't in operation anymore and hasn't been since Al's layoff in 2005. As I said, yes Juvenile probation has their own community service program, but that program is totally separate from the one I am advocating to bring back. It is in my opinion that the city needs to hire someone to be the Allentown Police Department's civilian community police coordinator to reinstate the program or reinstate the program through the Allentown police youth division.

If you want, you can contact Ryan Schaffer and I am sure he will speak to his knowledge of the program. When I spoke to him awhile back, he said he would come to a city council meeting to speak in favor of the city reinstating the program. He can be emailed by clicking the following link: <https://www.lccpa.org/emaildirect/Ryan-Schaffer> or call probation at (610) 782-3143 and ask to speak to him.

I also chatted with Pamela D. Varkony who was a former Councilwoman who was the brainchild so to speak for the program. Last I spoke to her, she told me she was in Florida for the winter and when she returned to the city in May, she would contact me to help me petition city council to bring the program back.

With everything going on with Covid-19, I don't expect this program to be immediately reinstated in the near future but I think it's something that should be highly considered to be brought back to operation in the future. The program would benefit the city in many ways and benefit the juveniles as well as their parents cause as Mayor O'Connell stated at the city council meeting that the judge would sometimes ask the parent if they wanted to pay a fine or have their child participate in community service and I am sure most parents would rather have their child participate in community service than pay a fine. In my case, my parents were not given that option, instead the judge ordered the community service. I have also spoken to Magistrate District Judge Patricia Engler about the program and she remembered it and told me if the city brought the program back, she would utilize it and order juveniles to complete community service.

I emailed more details to all of city council members to their city email addresses and the mayor's office but haven't received a response from any member or the mayor's office.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

May 20, 2020 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:**      [May 20, 2020 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes](#)

### **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 June 17th – TTBD – the plan is to look at multiple revenue/expenditure forecasts and performance standards.

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

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

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

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

The committee met this evening; no future meetings scheduled.

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

The committee met this evening; no future meetings scheduled.

**Administration****City Controller**

Bank Reconciliation - 03-31-2020

Reconciliation Review - 03-31-2020

**Attachments:**      [R4 - Bank Reconciliation](#)

[R3 - Bank Reconciliation](#)

1st Quarterly Cash Flows

**Attachments:**      [1st Pension Cash Flows](#)

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Walter Felton, Jr. Civil Service Board, 01/21/2023

**Attachments:**      [Walter Felton, Jr - Civil Service Board](#)

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

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

R72

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:  
231 N. 8th Street, 731 W. Turner Street

**Attachments:**      [R72 Resolution - 731 Turner St and 231 N 5th St May 2020 HARB Cases](#)  
[731 Turner St](#)  
[231 N 8th St](#)

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

Bill 32    Refer to Planning Commissions, will set up Public Hearing when meetings open up.

Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Allentown by rezoning parcels from B5 – Urban Commercial Zoning Classification to B/LI – Business/Light Industrial Zoning Classification.

Parcel A: 201-221 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102 (PIN 640753129628-1); and  
Parcel B: 115-143 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102 (PIN 640742997610-1); and  
Parcel C: 51-97 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102 (PIN 640752151002-1); and  
Parcel D: 113 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102 (PIN 640752078227-1).

**Attachments:**      [Bill 32 Font Street Rezoning](#)  
[Exhibit A Ordinance](#)  
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding 201 221 115 143 51 97 and 113 n Front Stre](#)  
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding 201 221, 115 143, 51 97, and 113 n Front St](#)

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

## **ADJOURN**

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