



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, July 15, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**Invocation: Council President Hendricks**

**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.**

**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.*

#### Courtesy of Floor Comments

**Attachments:**      [Public Comments - July 15](#)  
                                 [Public Comment II](#)  
                                 [Public Comments III](#)

#### Approval of Minutes:

June 17, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:**      [June 17, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

#### Old Business

#### Communications

**Census 2020 - Erin Yasenchak**

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:  
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**Committee of the Whole:**

Council will have a committee of the whole meeting on July 22 at 6:00 PM to review the agreement worked out the LCA, and two charter questions and on July 29 to look at resolution 86.

**Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Guridy, Mota**

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

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

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is not yet 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 met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for July 29 at 5:30 PM.

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

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

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

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for August 5th, time to be determined.

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

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

**Administration  
City Controller**

R3 - Final Capital Blue Wellness Credit

[Attachments:](#)      [R3 - Final Capital Blue Wellness Credit](#)

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Sukwon Lee, Human Relations Commission, 12/31/2022

Attachments:      [Sukwon Lee - Human Relations Commission](#)

Anna Lightner - Commission on Homeless, Term Expiration 7/15/2022

Attachments:      [Anna Lightner - Commission on Homeless](#)

Carolyn J. Hoffman - Commission on Homeless, Term Expiration 7/15/2022

Attachments:      [Carolyn J. Hoffman - Commission on Homeless](#)

Ellen Denizard - Common on Homeless, Term Expiration 7/15/2024

Attachments:      [Ellen Denizard - Common on Homeless](#)

Jennifer Miklus - Commission on Homeless, Term Expiration 7/15/2021

Attachments:      [Jennifer Miklus - Commission on Homeless](#)

Robert Nicolella - Commission on Homeless, Term Expiration 7/15/2024

Attachments:      [Robert Nicolella - Commission on Homeless](#)

Larry D. Pickens, Commission on Homeless, Term Expiration 7/15/2023

Attachments:      [Larry D. Pickens - Commission on Homeless](#)

Hope Sabbagh - Commission on Homeless, Term Expiration 7/15/2021

Attachments:      [Hope Sabbagh - Commission on Homeless](#)

Charlene Smalls - Commission on Homeless, Term Expiration 7/15/2022

Attachments:      [Charlene Smalls - Commission on Homeless](#)

Benjamin T. Stephens - Commission on Homeless, Term Expiration 7/15/2024

Attachments:      [Benjamin T. Stephens - Commission on Homeless](#)

Michelle Wagner - Commission on Homeless, Term Expiration 7/15/2022

Attachments:      [Michelle Wagner - Commission on Homeless](#)

Tom Harrington, Commission on Homeless, Term Expiration 07/15/2023

Attachments:      [Tom Harrington - Commission on Homeless](#)

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

Bill 36

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) as a result of a grant from the Pennsylvania Department

of Transportation from their Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) grant for the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail.

**Attachments:**      [Bill 36 Jordan Creek Greenway Trail PennDOT](#)  
[TASA Award Letter Jordan Creek Greenway Trail](#)

Bill 39

Amending the Administrative Code, Article 181, the Human Relations Commission by editing the following sections: Purpose, Definitions, Unlawful Employment Practices, Unlawful Housing Practices, Unlawful Public Accommodations, Human Relations Commission, Procedure, Enforcement, Judicial Review and Penalty.

**Attachments:**      [Bill 39 Allentown Human Relations Commission](#)

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

R78

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 405 N. 9th Street

**Attachments:**      [R78 HARB DENIAL - 405 N 9th](#)  
[405 N 9th St Jun 1 2020 HARB Final](#)

R83

Recommends Zoning and Land Development Review include examining Community Benefit Agreements, Work Force Housing Incentives and Maximizing Citizen Participation

**Sponsors:**      Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

**Attachments:**      [R83 Consultant Recommendations](#)

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

Bill 40    Refer to CEDC

Amending the 2020 Federal Grants budget by creating one (1) HUD Grants CDBG Administrator (11N) and one (1) HUD Grants HOME Administrator (11N). Both positions are completely funded with Community Development Block Grant funds.

**Sponsors:**      Administration

**Attachments:**      [Bill 40 Bill HUD Admin positions](#)  
[HUD ADMINISTRATOR POSITIONS JD](#)

Bill 41    Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2020 Capital Projects Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$286,645) as a result of the annual receipt of capital improvement funds from the Trexler Trust as designated by Court Order.

**Attachments:**      [Bill 41 Trexler Capital Appropriation](#)

Bill 42    Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2020 Trexler Fund Budget and the 2020 Capital Fund to provide for a

transfer in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five (\$142,455) Dollars from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Fund to the 2020 Capital Fund Project 2206, Jordan Creek Greenways Trails to complete a vital link in the City's trail network and allow easier access to center city residents for recreational activities. Funds will also help the City meet its requirement of the Trexler Trust.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 42 Jordan Creek Greenway Trails - Trexler Capital](#)

**Bill 43 Refer to CEDC**

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

**Attachments:** [Bill 43 HUD NEW ACCOUNT SETUP - COVID - PHASE 2](#)

**Bill 44 Refer to Parks and Recreation**

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget by transferring the available balance from Capital Project 1905 – Citywide Parks and Playground Improvements, 2202 – WPA Structures and 2210 – Park Facilities Improvements to Capital Project 2206 – Jordan Creek Greenways Trails and 2213 – Valania Park Renovations in the amount of Ninety-Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five (\$96,965) Dollars to complete the Jordan Creek Greenways Trails and renovations at the Valania Park.

**Attachments:** [Bill 44 Jordan Creek Greenway Trails and Valania Park Renovations Projects](#)

**Bill 45 Refer to Public Safety**

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Six Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (\$6,614.49) from the EMS Council State EMSOF Funds to be used to further prepare for a potential resurgence of COVID-19.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 45 EMS Council Contribution](#)

**Bill 46 Refer to Parks and Recreation**

Amending the 2020 Trexler Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five (\$110,965) Dollars from the Trexler Trust as the balance of the 2020 contribution per General Trexler's will.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 46 Trexler Additional Appropriation](#)

**Bill 47 Refer to Budget and Finance**

Amending Article 125.01(d) of the Administrative Code by modifying a provision requiring the Solicitor's Office to sign off on all bills and resolutions in regard to form, substance and compliance with the charter, administrative code and other relevant statutes, prior to the legislation being placed on council agenda for introduction.

**Attachments:**      [Bill 47 Solicitor Approval](#)

Bill 48    Refer to Public Safety

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to purchase safety equipment for the police.

**Sponsors:**            Administration

**Attachments:**      [Bill 48 Police Safety Equipment Grant](#)

Bill 49    Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to support the construction phase of Valania Park.

**Sponsors:**            Administration

**Attachments:**      [Bill 49 DCNR Valania Park Grant](#)

Bill 50    Refer to Committee of the Whole

Directing the Lehigh County Board of Elections to Place a Referendum Question Before the City of Allentown Voters on the November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot to amend the City of Allentown Home Rule Charter to Authorize and Permit the City Controller to Initiate and to Conduct all Manner of Audits, Including Performance Audits, without first being requested to do so by the Mayor or by City Council and to Permit the City Controller to have access to all types of Information, including payroll information, to conduct such audits.

**Sponsors:**            Affa, Guridy, Hendricks, Mr. Siegel and Mr. Zucal

**Attachments:**      [Bill 50 Controller Performance Audits- With Change to Section 210](#)

Bill 51    Refer to Committee of the Whole

Directing the Lehigh County Board of Elections to Place a Referendum Question Before the City of Allentown Voters on the November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot to amend the City of Allentown Home Rule Charter to Require Approval by City Council of all Collective Bargaining Agreements prior the Mayor executing each agreement.

**Sponsors:**            Affa, Guridy, Hendricks, Mr. Siegel and Mr. Zucal

**Attachments:**      [Bill 51 Charter - Contract Approval](#)

Bill 52    Refer to Budget and Finance

AUTHORIZING AND SECURING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES, IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$19,200,000, PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT, TO (A) CURRENTLY REFUND ALL OR A PORTION OF THIS CITY'S (1) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A OF 2015, (2) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES B OF 2015, (3) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 2017, AND (4) GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE, SERIES OF 2009, (B) FINANCE AND/OR REIMBURSE THE COSTS OF VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND (C) PAY CAPITALIZED INTEREST, AND (D) PAY THE COSTS OF ISSUING THE

NOTES; ACCEPTING A NOTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT; SETTING FORTH THE PARAMETERS, SUBSTANTIAL FORM OF AND CONDITIONS FOR ISSUING THE NOTES; PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF THIS CITY TO SECURE THE NOTES; CREATING A SINKING FUND AND APPOINTING A PAYING AGENT AND SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY; AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF THE REFUNDED OBLIGATIONS; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTION.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 52 2020 GO BONDS PARAMETERS REFUND AND NEW MONEY](#)

Bill 53 Refer to Public Works

Amending Part Nine, Streets, Utilities, and Public Services Code, Title One, Street and Sidewalk Areas, of the Codified Ordinances of Allentown, Pennsylvania, by adding a new Article entitled "Small Cell Antenna".

**Attachments:** [Bill 53 Cell Tower](#)

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

R84 Refer to CEDC

Approves the Submission of the Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Attachments:** [R84 Phase 2 HUD Action Plan](#)

R85 Refer to Committee of the Whole, July 22, 6 PM

Authorizes the Administration to Execute the Integrated Agreements to Resolve and Settle All Pending Legal Disputes under the Allentown Water and Sewer Utility System Concession and Lease, dated as of May 1, 2013, between the City of Allentown and the Lehigh County Authority

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R85 LCA Disputes- Council Resolution for Introduction on July 15, 2020](#)

R86 Refer to Committee of the Whole, July 29

Recommends Community Strategies for Policing and Police Oversight

**Sponsors:** Gerlach, Mr. Siegel and Mota

**Attachments:** [R86 Police Oversight Final](#)

## **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](http://www.allentownpa.gov) or contact the Clerk at [Michael.Hanlon@allentownpa.gov](mailto:Michael.Hanlon@allentownpa.gov) to receive an email notice of the meetings.*



