



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Public Comment Provisions during Covid: The meeting will be live streamed. The link to the meeting can be found on the city website with the agenda and legislation at <https://www.allentownpa.gov>. Council will receive comments on the legislation prior to the meeting and will consider all comments from city residents. All comments must include your name and address, including your city, and be emailed to Michael.Hanlon@AllentownPa.gov by 2 PM on the date of the meeting. Comments can also be registered using the ecomment provision on each agenda item found on the city website. Comments received from city residents by that deadline will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council members prior to the meeting and will also be noted at Courtesy of the Floor or Public Comment periods of the meeting. These timely received comments will also be posted on the City's webpage as a supporting document to the meeting. Any comments received on the meeting day, after the 2:00 pm deadline, will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council as soon as practicable. In addition, if you would like to speak during the meeting, please send your name, address, including municipality, and telephone number to the email address above indicating what issue you would like to speak on or call the office at 610.437.7555 and do the same, and you will be called during the meeting.

Invocation:

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.

Election of President and Vice President

Election of Officers

Attachments: [Council President, Guridy](#)
[Vice President, Hendricks](#)
[Vice President, Mota](#)

Approval of Minutes:

October 7, 2020 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

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Old Business

Communications

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

The Committee assignments have not been assigned yet. The next upcoming meeting is a Committee of the Whole scheduled for January 13, an agenda will be forthcoming.

Controller's Report

Administration Report

APPOINTMENTS:

Linda A. Rosenfeld, Allentown Commercial & Industrial Development Authority (ACIDA),
01/01/2023 (Replacing Patrick Palmer)

Attachments: [Linda A. Rosenfeld, Allentown Commercial & Industrial Development Authority \(](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 90

DIRECTING THE LEHIGH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE A REFERENDUM QUESTION BEFORE THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN VOTERS ON THE MAY 18, 2021 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT TO AMEND THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN HOME RULE CHARTER TO EXTEND THE GEOGRAPHIC LIMITS OF THE CITY RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR CITY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

Sponsors: Administration, Affa, Mr. Zucal and Hendricks

Attachments: [Bill 90 Charter Amendment - Residency Requirement of Heads at time of appoir](#)

Bill 91

DIRECTING THE LEHIGH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE A REFERENDUM QUESTION BEFORE THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN VOTERS ON THE MAY 18, 2021 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT TO AMEND THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN HOME RULE CHARTER TO PERMIT THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COUNCIL SOLICITOR FOR LEGAL ADVICE.

Sponsors: Affa, Hendricks, Mota and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [2021 Bill 91 Charter Amendment - Council Solicitor](#)

Bill 50

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 my 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](#)

Legislative History

7/22/20	City Council	recommended for approval
8/5/20	City Council	approved

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R1

Brewers Hill Development – 401 North Front Street Sewage Planning Module

Attachments: [R1 Brewers Hill Development – 401 North Front Street Sewage Planning Modul](#)
[Brewers Hill Development - 401 North Front Street Sewage Planning Module Dr](#)

R2
Interim Appointment Extension

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R2 Interim Appointment](#)

R3
Fire Chief Transition

Attachments: [R3 Fire Chief James Wehr extension](#)

R4
Approves the following transfer: \$76,000 in Recycling & Solid Waste for More Funds Are Needed to Cover The Disposal. Due to an increase in trash tonnage from COVID.

Attachments: [R4 More Funds Are Needed to Cover The Disposal Transfer](#)
[More Funds Are Needed To Cover Disposal Due To An Increase In Trach Tonn](#)

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

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

R5 Refer to Committee of the Whole
RFP Authorization

Sponsors: Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [R5 RFP Authorization](#)
[Lehigh County Da Says Intelligence and Investigation Center Will Pitch In](#)
[A Long-Planned Program To Remove Police From Some 911 Calls Launches A](#)
[Cahoots & The Police Departments](#)
[How Social Workers and Police Share Responsibilities in Eugene, Oregon](#)
[In Cahoots - How the Unlikely Pairing Of Cops and Hippies Became A National](#)
[In Denver, Unarmed Mental Health Workers Respond To Hundreds of 911 Calls](#)
[Portland Aims To Dispatch Better First Responders For Some Homelessness C](#)
[Support Cahoots - Serving the Vulnerable](#)
[The Wake Forest Law Review - In Cahoots with the Police](#)

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 or contact the Clerk at Michael.Hanlon@allentownpa.gov to receive an email notice of the meetings.

Council Rules

Home Rule Charter

Attachments: [Council Rules March 2020](#)

[HOMERULE March 2020](#)