



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Public Comment Provisions during COVID-19: 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.

Approval of Minutes:

October 21, 2020 Mayor Budget Presentation Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [October 21, 2020 Mayor Budget Presentation Meeting Minutes](#)

December 21, 2020 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

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Old Business**Communications**

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**March 17**

Public Hearing – 6:30 on Bill 4 Amending the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Allentown by (i) rezoning certain parcels to B-5 Urban Commercial District, (ii) providing for a new Urban Transition Multi-Family Development use within the B-5 Urban Commercial District and the B-2 Central Business District and providing a definition of, and regulations relating to, such use, (iii) permitting Adaptive Reuse in the B-5 Urban Commercial District by Special Exception, (iv) increasing the height limitation for Hotels and Motels in the B-5 Urban Commercial District, (v) modifying parking requirements for Urban Transition Multi-Family Development, and (vi) providing for a repealer clause, a severability clause, and an effective date.

6:00 PM Committee of the Whole – Presentation of the Homeless Strategic Plan

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Mota

The committee met on February 24; the next meeting is scheduled for March 10th at 5:30.

CEDC: Chair, Gerlach, Guridy, Affa

The committee met on the 24th and forwarded some items on tonight's agenda; the next meeting is scheduled for March 10 at 6:15 to discuss items being introduced this evening and receive an update on the Allentown State Hospital Reuse Feasibility Study. There will be an additional meeting on March 24 for the purpose of taking testimony from various stakeholders relating to the homeless population.

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

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

Parks and Recreation: Chair Hendricks, Gerlach, Siegel

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

Public Safety: Chair Mota, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee has not met since the last meeting, there are not 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 Guridy, Mota, Hendricks

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

Controllers Report

Administration Report

APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. Ann Bieber, Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority (ANIZDA), 01/02/2022 (Fulfilling unexpired term of David Mickenberg)

Attachments: [Dr. Ann Bieber, Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Auth](#)

Bill Harvey, Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB)

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ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 6

Amending the Environmental Advisory Council by updating the Purpose, Establishment, Chairman, Power and Duties and Annual Report.

Sponsors: Administration and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [Bill 6 Environmental Advisory Council Amendment](#)

2020 EAC Accomplishments, Goals and GHG Inventory

Attachments: [2020 Allentown EAC Accomplishments](#)

[Allentown EAC Proposed 2021 Goals](#)

[FINAL Allentown GHG Inventory 2020](#)

Bill 86

Providing for the vacation of Mulberry Street from the centerline of North Railroad Street to the unopened alley known as Limestone Street in the Sixth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 86 Mulberry Street - Street Vacation](#)

[Mulberry Street Vacation Report](#)

[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Mulberry St from N. Railroad St to N. Limestr](#)

[Mulberry St from N Railroad St to N Limstrone St ACPC Approval Letter](#)

Bill 7

Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget by transferring Two Hundred Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$246,171.61) from Capital Project 1227 – Automatic Meter Reading and Capital Project 1743 – Mechanical Renovations Wastewater Plant to Capital Project 1805 – Emergency Water Repairs to correct a negative balance in this account.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 7 Capital Project Transfer](#)

Bill 8

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$995,479.63) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the lead abatement program and removes state funds from the 2020 Lead Grant that is not being accepted because the two grants cannot serve the same zip code area. This grant is on a reimbursable basis.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 8 Federal Lead Grant](#)

Bill 9

Lead Grant Reorganization in CEDC - Amending the 2021 General Fund budget by reorganizing the Community Housing Development Program within the Department of Community Development by deleting the Financial Specialist Position at a paygrade 13(M), pay budgeted at \$58,806 and creates one Education and Outreach Specialist 16(M) at a salary of Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Eleven (\$60,411) Dollars; and creates one Program Coordinator position at a paygrade 9(M) with an annual salary of Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two (\$48,472) Dollars.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 9 Lead Grant Reorg](#)
[Lead Education_Outreach Specialist](#)
[Lead Program Coordinator](#)

Bill 10

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of funds received by the City of Allentown on behalf of the Da Vinci Science Center from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of Five Million Six Hundred Five Thousand (\$5,605,000) Dollars.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 10 Da Vinci Loan](#)

Bill 12

Amending the 2021 General Fund and the 2021 Liquid Fuels Fund budgets by transferring from the unappropriated balance to the Other Contract Services Account in both funds to cover the unexpected cost of hiring contractors to assist with snow removal.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 12 Snow Removal Contractor](#)

Bill 14

Amending the 2021 General Fund budget by transferring from the unappropriated balance to the Temporary Wage and Equipment Accounts in the Lights In The Parkway Program within the Department of Community and Economic Development One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) Dollars from the revenue received from the 2020 Season of Lights

In The Parkway.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 14 Lights in the Parkway Transfer](#)
[MEMO TO COUNCIL ON LTP BILL 14](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R25

Approves the Submission of an application to obtain a HUD 108 Loan for The Da Vinci Science Center in the amount of \$5,605,000

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R25 Da Vinci Loan Application](#)

R26

Amends Council Rules relating to Electing a President, voting on appointments, and deleting a provision relating to budgetary meetings given the fact that the budget is introduced earlier.

Sponsors: Guridy, Affa and Mota

Attachments: [R26 Rules Changes](#)

R28

Approves the Submission of a PA DCED grant application for Emergency Sheltering.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R28 Rapid Rehousing Grant](#)

R29

Hiring of 2 Patrolman

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R29 Hiring 2 Police Officers](#)

R30

Recommends Lehigh County Administration, Courts and DA pursue policies to reduce the risk of COVID contagion in the county prison including placing Non-Violent Offenders under house arrest, limit future incarcerations, and following all CDC guidelines.

Sponsors: Gerlach, Mota and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [R30 - County Prison Covid Recommendations](#)

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

Bill 15 Refer to CEDC

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$23,910) 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.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 15 PHMC GRANT - HARB](#)
[PHMC GRANT AWARD LETTER](#)

Bill 16 Refer to CEDC

Amending Part One, Administrative Code, Title Eleven, Authorities Boards and Commissions, Article 173, Vacant Property Review Committee.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 16 Blighted Property Review Board Committee Revision](#)

Bill 17 Refer to DCED

Amending the 2021 General Fund and Stormwater Fund budgets creating a position in CED/Special Events for a Marketing and Special Events Coordinator, add a new position of Visual Production Technician and revising the Clerk 3 position in Planning and Zoning to an Assistant.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 17 DCED REORG](#)
[Assistant Planner 2021](#)
[Marketing and Special Events Coordinator](#)
[VISUAL PRODUCTION TECHNICIAN 2021](#)

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

R31 Refer to Budget and Finance

Transfer Approvals: \$26,984.91 in Lights in the Parkway to Correct Year End Negative Balances; \$21,937.30 in Recreation to Move Funds to the Proper Expenditure Account; \$16,000 in Accounting & Financial Management to Accommodate CAFR requirement for GASB and OPEB Reports; \$9,000 in Accounting & Financial Management to Accommodate for Processing of Bank Fees for the Paying Agent for Servicing The Sinking Funds and AO Note.

Attachments: [R31 Lights in the Parkway Negative Balances and Recreation Expenditure Acc](#)
[Correct Year End Negative Balances - Lights In The Parkway Temporary Wages](#)
[Concession Stand Equipment](#)
[To Accommodate CAFR Requirement for GASB and OPEB Reports](#)
[To Accommodate for Processing of Bank Fees for the Paying Agent for Servicing](#)

R32 Refer to Budget and Finance

Transfer Approval to correct negative balances:: \$776,153.97 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020; \$389,910.27 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020; \$82,292.57 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance - Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020; \$22,352.74 in Finance Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020; \$12,271.57 74 in Finance Correct Negative Balance – Funds

Remained Unspent at the end of 2020.

Attachments:

[R32 Year End Transfer Approvals](#)

[\\$82,292.57 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent](#)

[\\$22,352.74 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent](#)

[\\$389,910.27 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent](#)

[\\$776,153.97 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent](#)

[\\$12,271.57 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent](#)

R33

Transfer Approvals: \$44,539.11 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020; \$12,566.47 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020.

Attachments:

[R33 Year End Transfer Approvals](#)

[\\$44,539.11 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent](#)

[\\$12,566.47 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent](#)

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

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