



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, May 5, 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.

Public Comment

Attachments: [Public Comment](#)
[20210425_193405](#)
[20210425_193715](#)
[20210425_193727](#)
[20210425_193945](#)

Approval of Minutes:

March 3, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [March 3, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Old Business

Communications

Council President Note Proclamations for Allentown Students

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**Special Meetings:**

May 12, 5:30 PM – to review and discuss the CAHOOTS presentation.

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Mota

The committee met on April 28 and forwarded items on tonight's agenda; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

CEDC: Chair, Gerlach, Guridy, Affa

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

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; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Public Safety: Chair Mota, 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 has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Guridy, Mota, Hendricks

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Controllers Report**Administration Report**

Controller Report

Attachments: [Accounts Payable 4-3 to 4-30](#)

[P-Card Review](#)

APPOINTMENTS:

Glenn Lichtenwalner, HARB, 1/8/2024 (Replacing Barry Brobst) - Architect

Attachments: [Glenn Lichtenwalner - HARB](#)

AJ Jordan, HARB - Old Allentown 05/05/24

Attachments: [AJ Jordan - HARB](#)

[AJ Jordan Resume - HARB](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 34 Budget and Finance, Forwarded favorably
Amending the 2021 General Fund and Risk Management Fund budget to accommodate the reorganization of positions to allow the Department of Finance to operate more efficiently.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 34 Finance Reorg](#)

[Financial Analyst Job Desc](#)

[Payroll Administrator Description](#)

Bill 36 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably
Amending the Part Three Business Regulation and Taxation Code, Title III, Taxes, by repealing Article 339 mechanical amusement devices tax in its entirety.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 36 REPEALING THE MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES TAX](#)

Bill 37 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably
Amending the Part Three Business Regulation and Taxation Code, Title IX, Fee, by repealing Section 395.24 Cigarette Vending Machine Fees as well as Article 1160 Licensing and Regulation of Cigarette Vending Machines in its entirety.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 37 REPEALING CIGARETTE VENDING MACHINE FEES](#)

Bill 38 Rules, this evening
DIRECTING THE LEHIGH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE A REFERENDUM QUESTION BEFORE THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN VOTERS ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT TO AMEND THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN HOME RULE CHARTER TO DELETE A PROVISION IN THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN HOME RULE CHARTER THAT IDENTIFIES ENGLISH AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN

Sponsors: Gerlach, Guridy, Mota and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [Bill 38 Charter Amendment - Remove English as official language](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R60

Police Officer Appointments: Pedro Bautista, Cody Gonzalez and Steven Gonzalez

Attachments: [R60 Hiring 3 Police Officers](#)

R61

Names the Park at 2nd and Hamilton“La Placita”

Sponsors: Guridy and Mota

Attachments: [R61 La Placita - at 2nd and Hamilton](#)
[Park Letter](#)
[2 and Hamilton Park Proposal.](#)

R62

Recommends the Lehigh County explore in conjunction with relevant city officials the establishing of a Housing Court

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Guridy, Mota, Mr. Siegel and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [R62 Housing Court](#)

R63

Approves Transfer: \$23,010 transfer in Finance for Purchase Bluebeam to work with Energov System and for a security system ((Ninjio) needed for EPIC and other modules.

Attachments: [R63 To Purchase Bluebeam Software Required Component to be integrated wif](#)
[Purchase Bluebeam Software Required Component to be intergrated with Ener](#)

R64

Recommends the General Assembly To Enact Gov. Wolf’s 2021 State Budget Proposal for K-12 Education Funding

Sponsors: Gerlach, Guridy, Hendricks, Mr. Siegel, Mota, Mr. Zucal and Affa

Attachments: [R64 School](#)

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

Bill 39 Refer to Public Safety

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Two (\$56,572) Dollars from the United States Department of Justice through the Emergency Supplemental Funding program known as the CARES Act to the City of Allentown for COVID-19 related purchases.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 39 Police Covid Grant](#)

Bill 40 Refer to Public Safety

Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Twenty-One Cents (\$49,764.21) from the Municipal Police Officer’s Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) for tuition and salary reimbursement from Act 120 Training to be used for building upgrades and repairs on the Police Academy Bldg.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 40 Police Academy Grant](#)

Bill 41 Refer to Public Works

Providing for the vacation of South Bryan Street from the centerline of Ester Street to the centerline of vacated Dover Street in the Nineteenth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 41 Bryan Street from South Bryan Street to Ester Street](#)

[Letter from Irene Woodward from Planning Department regarding South Bryan S](#)

[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding South Bryan Stre](#)

[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding South Bryan Street from South Bryan Street](#)

Bill 42 Refer to Rules....

Amending the Ethics Code by adding language that states: No elected official, appointed official, or employee shall use City resources in any manner for purposes of any political activity. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to: use of interior locations in city buildings, use of any City equipment; use of time; and use of any City resources; and conducting public or private meetings in City property. Political activity includes, but is not limited to: (1) any campaigns for elected political office, whether contested or not; (2) any support or opposition for or against any political party; and (3) any support or opposition for or against any political based action group.

Sponsors: Guridy, Hendricks, Mota, Mr. Zucal, Affa, Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [Bill 42 Ethics Amendment](#)

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

R65 Refer to Public Safety Committee

Supports legislation by State Reps. Dan Miller and Austin Davis to make police videos and recordings fall within the RTK laws

Sponsors: Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [R65 RTK Video recordings](#)

[HB 626](#)

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.