



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, April 21, 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 Comments

Attachments: [Public Comment fv](#)
[Public Comments - April 21](#)

Approval of Minutes:

March 3, 2021 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

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

Old Business

Communications

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**Special Meetings:**

April 28, 5 PM – to review the American Rescue Plan regarding federal procedures related to funding; and criterion and processes the City might use in ascertaining expenditure priorities.

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

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Mota

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for April 28 at 5:45 PM.

CEDC: Chair, Gerlach, Guridy, Affa

The committee met on April 14 and forwarded some items on tonight's agenda; 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.

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Public Safety: Chair Mota, Hendricks, Zucal

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

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel

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

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

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Controllers Report**Administration Report**

Controller Report

Attachments: [Accts Payable to 4-2](#)

APPOINTMENTS:

Bryan Geist, Building Code Board of Appeals, 11/4/21 (replacing DeWitt Farrington)

Attachments: [Bryan Geist, Building Code Board of Appeals](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 20 Parks and Rec, this evening

Amending the Environmental Advisory Council by adding to the Purpose of the Council, changing the appointment process to reflect authority under the Home Rule Charter giving the Mayor the appointment authority, allowing the Environmental Advisory Council to elect their Chair, establishing a city councilperson as a liaison to the Council, adding to the Powers and Duties, and requiring minutes to be posted on the City website.

Sponsors: Mr. Siegel, Gerlach and Hendricks

Attachments: [Bill 20 EAC Amendment](#)

Bill 21 Parks and Rec, this evening

Amending the 2021 Capital Projects Fund and the 2021 Trexler Fund to provide for a transfer of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars to continue repairs on various WPA structures in the park system.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 21 Trexler WPA Transfer](#)

Bill 22 CEDC, Forwarded Favorably

An ordinance of the City of Allentown authorizing the designation of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown as land bank for the City of Allentown.

Attachments: [Bill 22 Land Bank](#)

Bill 23 Public Safety, this evening

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Seven (\$24,657.00) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department for COVID-19 related expenses/purchases.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 23 OFSC COVID19 Fire Grant](#)

Bill 24 Public Safety, this evening

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three (\$45,753.00) Dollars from the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant to the City of Allentown for updating technology in seven police interview rooms.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 24 JAG Grant](#)

Bill 26 CEDC, Forwarded favorably

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars from GBU Financial Life to provide uniforms to support emergency preparedness and deployment initiatives for the Allentown Volunteer Medical

Reserve Corps.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 26 GBU Financial Life Donation](#)

Bill 27 Public Works, this evening

Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Two (\$195,542) Dollars from Lehigh County Authority (LCA) to make road improvements throughout the LCA restoration work area.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 27 LCA Cost Sharing Program](#)

Bill 28 CEDC, forwarded favorably

Amending the 2021 Federal Grants Fund budget by creating the position of Homeless Services Coordinator within the Department of Community Development to provide coordination and support for the initiatives of the Allentown Commission on Homelessness. This position is funded through COVID ESG funds.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 28 Homeless Coordinator](#)
[Homeless Services Coordinator Job Description](#)

Bill 29 Parks and Rec, this evening

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Thousand (\$7,000) Dollars from City Center Allentown to provide background checks and American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Course fees for City of Allentown resident hires in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 29 City Center Donation - Summer Hires](#)

Bill 30 Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy, forwarded favorably

Amending the Ethics Code by adding language on conflict of interests clarifying a prohibition of using your 'position' in any way to result in a personal or financial benefit to yourself or associated person or entity as defined.

Sponsors: Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [Bill 30 Ethics Amendment](#)

Bill 32 Public Safety, this evening

Amending Part Seven, General Offenses Code, of the Codified Ordinances of Allentown, Pennsylvania creating Article 717 – B.Y.O.B. Establishment, by creating a new Article entitled "B.Y.O.B. Establishment".

Sponsors: Affa, Guridy, Hendricks and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 32 BYOB Ordinance](#)

Bill 33 Public Safety, this evening

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Forty Thousand Seven Hundred One Dollar and Forty-Five Cents (\$40,701.45) from FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department for COVID-19 related expenses to purchase PPE and related supplies.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 33 FEMA COVID19 Fire Grant](#)

Bill 35 CEDC, forwarded favorably
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) Dollars from Patient First to provide supplies for those volunteering to work the COVID vaccination clinic.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 35 Patient First COVID Clinic Donations](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R50

A RESOLUTION OF CITY OF ALLENTOWN, COUNTY OF LEHIGH, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE INTERMUNICIPAL TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE NUMBER R-4501 FROM 1328 CHESTNUT STREET, UNIT #3-B-107B (EMMAUS) TO 813 SAINT JOHN STREET LICENSE NO. R-4501 INTO CITY OF ALLENTOWN FROM EMMAUS.

Attachments: [R50 Liquor License Transfer Zandy's Holding LLC](#)

[Zandys Liquor License Labels](#)

[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Zandy's Holding LLC Intermunicipal Liquor T](#)

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R51

Authorizes Submission of a Formal Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Grant of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to support the Lehigh County Humane Society Expansion Project.

Attachments: [51 RACP GRANT - LC HUMANE SOCIETY](#)

R52

Approves Transfers: \$60,000 transfer in Recycling & Solid Waste for Upgrades to the Recycling Drop Off Center That Are Being Taken from the Construction Contract Account to Account 54; \$28,200 transfer in Streets Department for Purchasing a new John Deere Excavator that was originally going to be financed, but the equipment cost came in lower than anticipated.

Attachments: [R52 To Purchase A John Deere Excavator](#)

[Purchase A John Deere Excavator Transfer](#)

[Upgrades to the Recycling Drop Off Center Taken From Construction Contract /](#)

R53

Authorizes Submission of a Formal Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Grant of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) to support the Bogert's Bridge Restoration Project.

Attachments: [R53 RACP GRANT - BOGERT'S BRIDGE](#)

R54

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts: 1012 W. Turner St. and 728 W. Gordon St.

Attachments: [R54 City Council COA Resolution April](#)
 [Final Review April 1012 W Turner St](#)
 [Final Review April 728 W Gordon](#)

R55

Landlord accountability resolution

Sponsors: Gerlach, Hendricks, Mota and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [R55 Landlord Accountability](#)

R56

Sewage Planning Module for 932 Hamilton Apartments

Attachments: [R56 932 Hamilton Street - Sewage Planning Module](#)
 [932 Hamilton Apartments Planning Module](#)

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

Bill 36 Refer to Budget and Finance

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

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

Bill 37 Refer to Budget and Finance

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.

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

Bill 38 Refer to Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy
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 INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):**NEW BUSINESS****GOOD AND WELFARE****ADJOURN**

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