



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, May 19, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**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](mailto: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:**

March 17, 2021 Special Meeting to Act on Solicitor Appointment - Sarah Rotz

Attachments:      [March 17, 2021 Special Meeting to Act on Solicitor Appointment - Sarah Rotz](#)

March 17, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments:      [March 17, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

### **Old Business**

### **Communications**

### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**We will consider for possible adoption an Ordinance amending the City of Allentown Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment of which this Notice is a summary, proposes to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Allentown by repealing Section 1314.02.C.4 (7) of the Zoning Ordinance with respect to the prohibition of on-site frying of foods in the Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay District (TNDO) in its entirety, providing for a repealer clause, a severability clause and an effective date.**

**The effect of the repeal of this section of the Zoning Ordinance would permit on-site frying of foods in the TNDO Overlay District.**

**City Council will consider the foregoing at a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers, Room 118, City Hall, 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA. Copies of the full text of this Ordinance are available to any interested party for examination and copying at cost at the City Clerk's Office or for inspection during regular business hours at the offices of this newspaper and at the Lehigh County Department of Law. All interested parties are invited to attend and to comment.**

**City Council may adopt this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting at 7:00 pm immediately following this Public Hearing.**

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

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for May 26th at 5:30 PM.

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

The committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for May 26th at 6 PM – the agenda items include updates and discussions on the zoning rewrite, branding, housing initiatives and the rescue money.

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

**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**

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

**Controllers Report****Administration Report**

Controllers Reports

**Attachments:**      [Bank Rec - Feb](#)  
                                 [Revenue and Audit Cash Count](#)

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Maria C. Ocasio, Environmental Advisory Council, 01/02/2024

**Attachments:**      [Maria C. Ocasio, Environmental Advisory Council](#)

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

Bill 39    Public Safety, this evening

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 Public Safety, this evening

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 Public Works, this evening

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 Street](#)

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

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

[S Bryan Street Report Staff Report](#)

Bill 42 Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy, this evening  
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 FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

R68

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 DaVinci Science Center Downtown Allentown Project.

**Attachments:**      [R68 Da Vinci Science Center Loan Application](#)

R69

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts: 337 N. 8th St., 23 N. West St. and 1507 W. Turner St.

**Attachments:**      [R69 Certificates of Appropriateness](#)  
[23 N. West St. Final Review](#)  
[337 N 8th Final Review](#)  
[1507 W. Turner Final Review](#)

R70

Approves Transfers: \$24,000 in Building Maintenance for the rental for a portable chiller and \$10,000 for Legal Ads cost increases.

**Attachments:**      [R70 BM and CC Transfers](#)  
[Chiller Transfer](#)  
[Legal Ads](#)

R65    Public Safety, this evening

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](#)

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

Bill 43    Refer to Budget and Finance Committee

Amending the 2021 Grant Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eight Million (\$8,000,000) Dollars. This was the result of a Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project grant for the Riverfront Revitalization Project.

**Sponsors:**            Administration

**Attachments:**      [Bill 43 Riverfront Grant](#)

Bill 44    Refer to Rules

Supplementing Part One, Administrative Code, Title Eleven, Authorities, Boards and Commissions of the Codified Ordinances of Allentown, Pennsylvania, by adding a new Article 171B entitled "Campaign Finance Regulations". The legislation is based on Campaign Finance legislation used in Pittsburgh. It fixes the contribution limit to the federal limits, currently there are no limits – this would limit individuals to \$2,900 to campaign, eliminate stacking, limit PAC Contributions to \$5000 a candidate.

Contributions could not exceed the limitations that are in effect and published by the Federal Election Commission as of the first day of that same calendar year. Political contribution limits for donations made by a political committee to a candidate committee shall be the same as the federal contribution limit for "PAC-Multicandidate" that makes

contributions to "candidate committees."

**Sponsors:** Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

**Attachments:** [Bill 44 Campaign Finance](#)

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

### **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.*

Council Rules

Home Rule Charter

**Attachments:** [Council Rules March 2021 Edition](#)

[HOMERULE March 2020](#)