



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, October 6, 2021

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### 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.*

#### Contract Approvals

#### Motion to take Resolution 163 out of order to transfer money into the proper accounts for Resolution 151 in regard to the demolition of Irving Pool.

R151

Authorization for Contract with Penmar Services, Inc in the amount of \$355,078.48 the City seeks the services from qualified firms to provide demolition and removal services related to the Irving Pool rebuild project.

Attachments:     [R151 Penmar](#)

R152

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services Penn Credit Corporation for the

Collection of delinquent Residential and Commercial Trash and Recycling Fees and Emergency Medical Services Fees The collection of delinquent fees on behalf of the City of Allentown for the Bureau of Revenue and Audit, the Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste, and Emergency Medical Services.

**Attachments:**      [R152 Penn Credit](#)

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

September 8, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:**      [September 8, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

September 15, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:**      [September 15, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

## Communications

### Proclamation Presentation: Alan Jennings

Act 205 MMO Reporting Requirement

**Attachments:**      [MMO Police Pension Plan](#)  
[MMO Firemen's Pension Plan](#)  
[MMO Officers & Employees' Pension Plan](#)  
[MMO PMRS Pension Plan](#)

## Old Business

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:****Committee of the Whole:**

There will be a Committee of the Whole on October 13 at 5:30 PM to discuss approaches and expenditures relating to the American Rescue Plan.

**Budget Meetings:**

The Budget Schedule is currently being circulated. We are expected to receive the budget on October 18th; and the mayor is scheduled to give a presentation prior to the October 20th Council meeting.

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

The committee met this evening; the next meeting has not been scheduled.

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

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 6 PM.

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

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

**Parks and Recreation: Chair Hendricks, Gerlach, Siegel**

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 5 PM.

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

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

Controller Reports

Attachments:     [AR +10 Public Works](#)

[AR -10 HR Revised](#)

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):****Bill 68**

Amending Article 180B, Council of Youth, by modifying the composition of the board by changing the provision that five members shall be adults and be representative of youth organizations, interests or advocacy to eight and that the Department of Police designate a non-voting designee to the Council.

The recommendation from the Council of Youth was to increase adult members by one to six; and to increase the youth members from 6 to 8.

**Sponsors:** Guridy, Hendricks, Mota, Administration, Mr. Zucal and Affa

**Attachments:** [Bill 68 Council of Youth Amendment](#)

**Legislative History**

8/4/21	City Council	tabled
8/18/21	City Council	approved

**Bill 84**

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$50,128.13) from the Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) for tuition and salary reimbursement from Act 120 Training to be used to purchase duty weapons and holsters for new hire Patrolmen.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 84 Police MPOETC Funds](#)

**Bill 85**

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eight Thousand Ninety-Four Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$8,094.20) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown EMS Department to purchase video laryngoscope devices.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 85 OFSC EMS GRANT](#)

**Bill 87**

Providing for the vacation of Mason Street from the centerline of South Fourth Street to the centerline of South Jute Street in the Nineteenth Ward of the City of Allentown.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 87 Mason Street from South Fourth Street to South Jute Street](#)  
[Mason Street Vacation Staff Report](#)  
[Letter from Irene Woodward from Planning Department regarding Mason Street](#)  
[Mason Street Vacation Staff Report](#)  
[Mason Street from East Side of S. 4th Street to West Side of Jute Street Picture](#)  
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Mason Street from East Side of S. 4th Street](#)  
[Mason Street from the centerline of South Fourth Street to the centerline of Sou](#)

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Does Council or the Public have any comments on these items collectively or would Council like to remove any of the items?**

R153

Mike Taylor, Electricians Examining Board, 01-24-2023 (Reappointment)

**Attachments:** [R153 Reappointment Electricians Examining Board - Mike Taylor](#)  
[Mike Taylor, Electricians Examining Board, 01-24-2023](#)

R154

Peter Kleckner, Noise Control Hearing Board, 01-01-2022 (Replacing John Page)

**Attachments:** [R154 Peter Kleckner, Noise Control Hearing Board, 01-01-2022](#)  
[Peter Kleckner, Noise Control Hearing Board, 01-01-2022](#)

R155

R. Scott Unger, Noise Control Hearing Board, 01-02-2026

**Attachments:** [R155 R. Scott Unger, Noise Control Hearing Board, 01-02-2026](#)  
[R. Scott Unger, Noise Control Hearing Board, 01-02-2026](#)

R156

Captain Michael Baker, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2022, Alternate

**Attachments:** [R156 Captain Michael Baker, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2022](#)  
[Captain Michael Baker, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2022](#)

R157

Sgt. Mark Halubek, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2023 (Replacing Sgt. Justin Motz), Alternate

**Attachments:** [R157 Sgt. Mark Halubek, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2023](#)  
[Sgt. Mark Halubek, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2023](#)

R158

Thomas Williams, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2025 (Represent Leonard Lightner, Director of Community and Economic Development)

**Attachments:** [R158 Thomas Williams, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2025](#)  
[Thomas Williams, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2025](#)

R159

Kelly McElroy, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2023 (Replacing Bob Sandt)

**Attachments:**      [R159 Kelly McElroy, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2024](#)  
[Kelly McElroy, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04-19-2023](#)

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

R160

Appointment of Three Police Officers

**Sponsors:**            Administration

**Attachments:**      [R160 Appoints 3 Patrol Officers](#)

R161

Authorizes Submission of a Formal Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a Grant of FIVE THOUSAND Dollars (\$5,000.00) to support surveillance cameras for the Police Department.

**Sponsors:**            Administration

**Attachments:**      [R161 Police LSA Grant](#)

R162

Authorizes application submission of \$500,000 from the PA Community and Economic Development CDBG-CV 2021 Grant

**Sponsors:**            Administration

**Attachments:**      [R162 CDBG-CV Grant Application](#)

R163

Approves Transfer: \$210,000.00 in Parks and Recreation which is Required for the Demolition of Irving Pool.

**Sponsors:**            Administration

**Attachments:**      [R163 \\$210,000.00 in Parks and Recreation which is Required for the Demolition of Irving Pool](#)

R164

Approves: \$50,000 in CED to Move Funds to the Correct Account; \$40,000 in CED – Special Events/LIP Needed to Create a 40 Account in Special Events and To Add More Funds to the 40 Account in Lights in the Parkway; \$36,000 in CED to Purchase Lights in the Parkway Ornaments to Sell Commemorating Lights in the Parkway's 25th Anniversary; \$34,801.00 in Parks and Recreation to Purchase Trash Cans for the Parks and Ventrac Attachments (Flail Mower and Sickle Bar) for the Maintenance of the Parks; \$16,740.00 in Recreation for the New Lights needed to be Installed at Percy Ruhe Park.

**Attachments:**      [R164 Transfer Funds](#)  
[To Purchase Trash Cans for the Parks and Ventrac Attachments for the Mainte](#)  
[New Lights Needs To Be Installed At Percy Ruhe Park](#)  
[Create a 40 Account in Special Events For More Funds For Lights In The Parkw](#)  
[To Purchase Lights In the Parkway Ornaments To Sell Commemorating Lights i](#)  
[Need To Move Funds To The Correct Account](#)

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

Bill 90    Refer to CEDC

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

**Attachments:**      [Bill 90 CDBG Upspent Funds](#)

Bill 91    Refer to Public Safety

Amending Article 531 Stopping, Standing, and Parking by adding Article 531.99 N Tampering with Boots and Other Devices Prohibited by creating a penalty for tampering or removing any device used to immobilize a motor vehicle that has been booted or who shall move or attempt to move the vehicle booted before official release of the vehicle.

**Sponsors:**            Affa and Hendricks

**Attachments:**      [Bill 91 Boot Tampering](#)

Bill 92    Refer to Public Safety

Amending Article 531, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 531.99 Notice of Violation; Waiver (H) by deleting a provision that states that in default of payment of fine and costs, someone could be imprisoned not more than ten days.

**Sponsors:**            Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

**Attachments:**      [Bill 92 Deletes imprisonment provision for non-payment of penalties](#)

Bill 93    Refer to Budget and Finance

Amending Article 171 Code of Ethics adding ARTICLE 171.15 CAMPAIGN FINANCE LIMITATIONS ENFORCEMENT, empowering the Ethics Board to enforce Campaign Finance Limitations.

**Sponsors:**            Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

**Attachments:**      [Bill 93 Ethics Board and Campaign Finance](#)

Bill 94    Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Five-Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$599.87) from Capital Project 2201 – Pool and Spray Parks to Capital Project 2206 – Jordan Creek Greenway Trail.

**Attachments:**      [Bill 94 JORDAN CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL TRANSFER](#)

Bill 95    Refer to Public Safety - There is a request to vote on this tonight and waive the 14 days between introduction and final passage provided the bill passes with 6 votes - amendment would be needed.

Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) as a result from a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program to the Allentown Fire Department to provide funds which will be utilized for all costs associated with the appliance and furnishing related costs for the Fire Academy Public Safety Training and EOC building.

I move to amend Bill 95 by adding the following as Section Five the bill:

Section Five: That Pursuant to Section 218 of the Home Rule Charter and by the affirmative vote of six of seven members the 14 day period between introduction and passage of this ordinance is hereby eliminated.

**SECTION 218 FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES**

A minimum of fourteen days must intervene between introduction and passage of an ordinance unless Council finds and declares a public emergency posing a sudden, clear and present danger to life or property. However, Council may by the affirmative vote of six of its seven members reduce or eliminate the fourteen day period between introduction and passage of any ordinance.

**Attachments:**      [Bill 95 DCED FIRE ACADEMY GRANT](#)

Bill 96    Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2021 Golf Fund budget by transferring Thirty-Two Thousand (\$32,000) from the unappropriated balance of the Golf Fund to Account 50 – Other Service and Charges – to provide for credit card fees.

**Attachments:**      [Bill 96 GOLF COURSE CREDIT CARD FEES](#)

Bill 97    Refer to CEDC

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

**Sponsors:**            Administration

**Attachments:**      [Bill 97 CDBG Account Setup - COVID - HOME - ARP](#)

Bill 98    Refer to CEDC

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purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 98 CDBG Warming Shelter Accounts](#)

Bill 99 Refer to Human Resources, Administration and Appointments  
AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT AN ORDINANCE  
CODIFICATION FOR THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN, COUNTY OF LEHIGH,  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF  
CERTAIN LEGISLATION NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; TO SAVE FROM REPEAL  
CERTAIN OTHER LEGISLATION NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE  
PENALTIES FOR TAMPERING WITH THE CODE.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Zucal, Gurdy and Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 99 APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT AN ORDINANCE CODIFICATION](#)

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

R165 Refer to CEDC

Approves the Submission of an amendment to the Action Plan to the United States  
Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R165 CDBG HOME ARP](#)

R166 Refer to CEDC

Approves the Submission of an amendment to the 2021 Action Plan to the United States  
Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R166 Action Plan Reallocation](#)

R167 Refer to Budget and Finance

Authorizes expenditure of funds to hire a consultant to conduct a disparity study and make  
recommendations on the City's procurement process inclusive of ensuring access by  
minority and women owned business.

**Sponsors:** Gerlach, Mota and Mr. Siegel

**Attachments:** [R167 Authorizes Disparity Study RFP](#)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

## **ADJOURN**

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Council Rules

Home Rule Charter  
Contract Procedures

**Attachments:**      [HOMERULE June 2021](#)  
                                 [Council Rules March 2021 Edition](#)  
                                 [Contract Procedures](#)