



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final City Council

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

5:45 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting

Roll Call

**Testimony Topics: Housing, Community Center
Housing/Community Center****4 PM**

Just to recap a bit from the last meeting we had. Council identified several priorities or categories for community investment and took public testimony at that meeting. Those broad categories included city infrastructure, economic opportunities, a multi-purpose community center, homelessness, public safety, housing and non-emergency public safety issues. And just to be sure, we are looking at the 18 million in funds as noted in a memo from the Mayor. The intent will be to assign dollar values to council's priorities which would provide a framework for disbursement of funds.

Tonight, our intent is to look at housing and a community center. The purpose of the meeting is to take testimony. The speakers are requested to speak to community needs using evidence and data; and policies to deal with those needs. This is not an opportunity to request funding, nor is it an opportunity to allow council to give a shout out for particular items they prefer or a way to walk back from any procedure in the future. This is simply an attempt to understand needs out there based on evidence and model policy options

Our agreed upon goal has been to create a more holistic framework for making decisions related to using ARPA funds within the context of innumerable city needs. This is a one shot deal; there is little limit to the usage of the funds; we want to maximize the benefits and make sure we act within a monetary, ability and capacity framework to exert a significant impact going forward.

We will begin with testimony for the following individuals on community needs, capacity and model programs. Time allotting, Councilpersons will be allotted time to ask one question only relating to the goals of the meeting. Additional questions can be put in writing, and we will get the answers and post them on the agenda.

**Alan Jennings
Dawn Godshall/Dan Bosket
Brian McShane
Phyllis Chamberlain**

**Suggested: 15 minute presentation/questions
Alan Jennings
Dawn Godshall/Dan Bosket
Brian McShane
Phyllis Chamberlain**

Housing Material

Attachments: [AJ - AH](#)
[CSH - SLFRF Information - April 2022 - FINAL](#)
[CSH Testimony - ARP Funds for SH - PA](#)
[CSH-Leveraging-HOME-ARP-for-Innovations-in-Supportive-Housing-October-21](#)

Homeless Material

Attachments: [Allentown Homelessness Strategy FINAL](#)
[Homeless Commission - March 18th Presentation - FINAL FINAL pdf](#)

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Stuff

Attachments: [ARPA uses from Admin](#)
[Memo from Mayor Matt Tuerk regarding Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery](#)
[Draft: SLFRF Policies and Procedures](#)
[Ordinance #15764](#)

ARPA City Samples

Attachments: [Atlanta mayor announces American Rescue Plan recovery funds](#)
[Buffalo New York - American Rescue Plan](#)
[Charlotte, North Carolina State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - 2021 Report](#)
[City of Houston American Rescue Plan Act](#)
[Detroit, Michigan - American Rescue Plan Act Funds](#)
[Kansas City Missouri - American Rescue Plan](#)
[Mayor Baraka Outlines 5-Year Plan To Stimulate Newark's Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery](#)
[NEWARK RECEIVES \\$88.3 MILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN MONIES](#)
[Pittsburgh, PA - American Rescue Plan](#)
[Seattle - American Rescue Plan](#)
[St. Louis, Missouri - American Rescue Plan](#)
[Syracuse New York - American Rescue Plan](#)

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