



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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

R117

Award of Contract to ABE Doors Inc in the estimated budgeted sum of \$50,000 per contract year, for the unit prices as set forth in the Proposal. This was competitively bid, and two (2) bids were received, one (1) was rejected.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R117 Overhead Doors](#)

R118

Engagement of Professional Services with Daniel E Koplisch for an annual estimated budgeted sum of \$60,000 per contract year for an on-call independent consultant. This was competitively bid and only one (1) response was received.

Attachments: [R118 Compliance Consultant](#)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

July 20, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [July 20, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Communications

Old Business

Note:

For the record, during the codification process a piece of legislation was not picked up, it ORDINANCE NO. 15517 which gave the Allentown Parking Authority flexibility in the fixing and adjustment of parking rates during special events – as previously approved legislation, that will be added to codification.

REPORTS

Note: In consultation with the sponsor of Bills 61 through 63, I have set up a Special Committee to handle these bills consisting of Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Siegel and myself. I plan to refer those bills to that committee.

Special Council Meetings: Council will hold a Special Meeting on ARPA funding to take testimony on public safety, infrastructure, and capital projects on August 10 at 6:00 PM

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Santos

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 24 at 5:30 PM.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Gerlach, Siegel, Mota

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10 at 5:30 PM.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Santos, Hendricks, Siegel

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Affa, Gerlach, Santos

The Committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Zucal, Affa

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Hendricks

The Committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Mota, Zucal, Gerlach

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

Controller's Report (3 minutes) – Controller is on vacation and will not be reporting this evening.

Mayor's Report (3 minutes)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 48

Amending the 2022 Trexler Fund, by transferring supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Fund in the amount of a total of Sixty-Five Thousand (\$65,000) Dollars from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Capital Budget to the Cedar Creek Bridges capital project, to repair the vehicular bridge at Ott St in Cedar Creek Parkway.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 48 Trexler appropriation 7-12-22](#)

Bill 49

Amending the 2022 General Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Stormwater Fund, and Rental Fund by transferring a total of Five Hundred Thousand (\$ 500,000) Dollars to allow for the continued purchase of fuel for the remainder of 2022.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 49 FUEL TRANSFER](#)

Bill 52

DIRECTING THE LEHIGH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE A REFERENDUM QUESTION BEFORE THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN VOTERS ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022, BALLOT TO AMEND THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN HOME RULE CHARTER TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY OF THE CONTROLLER EQUAL TO 80% OF THE MAYOR'S SALARY WHICH IS CURRENTLY AT \$95,000. Controller

Sponsors: Affa and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [Bill 52 Home Rule Charter Controller's Salary - Question](#)

CONSENT AGENDA**RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):****R119**

Appoints the following, as a Patrolman, at a base salary of \$64,511 per annum, contingent upon the candidate passing physical and psychological examinations as stipulated in the Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations and obtaining and maintaining a valid state certification from the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission.

Sloan, Ryan - Pottstown, PA

Leonard, Jonathan - Nazareth, PA

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R119 Hiring 2 Patrolmen 8-3-22](#)

R120

Approves three transfers: (1) \$47,500.00 from City Council needed to ensure that the correct amount is in the Legal Services Account to Pay for the Legal Services of Smith Law Offices (Council's Solicitor); (2) \$55,000 from Risk Management to provide funding

for the CDL certification training to our employees; (3) \$24,000.00 from Fire due to the unprecedented increases in materials, the cost to manufacture the firefighter turn-out gear has had four price increases in the last eight months; (4) \$15,000.00 from Public Safety/Police due to the large number of trainings and required recertification trainings that were rescheduled to this year, the current training budget has been exhausted.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R120 Transfer Funds](#)

[Due to Unprecedented Increases in Materials, the Cost to Manufacture the Fire](#)
[Due to the large number of trainings and recertifications rescheduled the curent](#)
[To Provide Funding for the CDL Certification Training for Employees](#)
[For the Legal Services for Smith Law Offices](#)

R121

Authorizes Submission of a Formal Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a Grant of Five Hundred and Fifty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$559,000) to support installation of new street lights along Martin Luther King Jr Drive from the 8th Street Bridge overpass to Union Street.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R121 MLK Lighting Grant Approval](#)

[MLK Lighting Grant 8-3-22 REVISED](#)

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

Bill 56 Refer to Public Works

Providing for the vacation of Utica Street from the centerline of North Brick Street to its Eastern Terminus in the Sixth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 56 Utica Street from the centerline of North Brick Street](#)

[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Utica Street from the western property line of](#)
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission - Utica Street from N. Brick Stre](#)
[Report to the City Clerk and Allentown City Planning Commission - Utica Street](#)
[Staff Report - Utica Street from N. Brick Street to its East Terminus](#)
[Letter from Vicky Kistler regarding Allentown Planning Commission decision on](#)
[Utica Street Labels](#)

Bill 57 Refer to Public Works

Providing for the vacation of North Lumber Street from the centerline of Clay Street to the centerline of Whitehall Street in the Eighth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 57 North Lumber Street from the centerline of Clay Street to the centerline o
900 Block of N. Lumber and Refwal Street from Clay Street to Dead End](#)
[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission - 900 Block of N Lumber an
Report to the City Clerk and Allentown City Planning Commission - N Lumber S](#)
[Staff Report - N Lumber and N Refwal Street from Clay Street](#)
[Letter from Vicky Kistler regarding Allentown Planning Commission decision on
Lumber Refwal Labels](#)

Bill 58 Refer to Community and Economic Development

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 58 Expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Tit](#)

Bill 59 Refer to Public Safety

Amending the 2022 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars (\$37,237) as a result from a grant from the PEMA, Office of the State Fire Commissioner, EMS COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program, to the Allentown Emergency Medical Services to purchase equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 59 EMS PEMA Grant 8-3-22](#)

Bill 60 Refer to Special Committee

Amending the City of Allentown Code, Part II, General Legislation, by adding Chapter 474, Regulating Rights and Actions, § 474-1, Buffer Zones, creating buffer zones at hospital, medical offices or clinics engaged in assisting patients and other persons entering or exiting such facilities.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Mota, Santos and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [1 Bill 60 Buffer Zones](#)

Bill 61 Refer to Special Committee

Amending the City of Allentown Code, Part II, General Legislation, by adding Chapter 474, Regulating Rights and Actions, § 474-2 Regulation of Deceptive Advertising by Limited Services Pregnancy Centers.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Mota, Santos and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [2 Bill 61 Regulation of Deceptive Advertising
Women's Law Project](#)

Bill 62 Refer to Special Committee

Amending the City of Allentown Code, Part II, General Legislation, by adding Chapter 474, Regulating Rights and Actions, § 474-3 Enforcement Limitations Regarding Bans of

Certain Reproductive Health Care Services, adding a provision that if abortion ever becomes illegal nationwide or in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Council of the City of Allentown instructs all city officials and law enforcement agencies to deprioritize enforcement of any abortion-related crime to the fullest extent possible.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Mota, Santos and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [3 Bill 62 Enforcement Limitations](#)

Bill 63 Refer to Special Committee
Amending the City of Allentown Code, Part II, General Legislation, by adding Chapter 474, Regulating Rights and Actions, § 474-4 Protection of Reproductive Health Care Services Providers from Out-of-State Investigation or Prosecution for Providing Legal Abortion Care.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Mota, Santos and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [Bill 63 Protection of Out of State Prosecution](#)

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

R122 Refer to Community and Economic Development Committee
Approves the Submission of the Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R122 Approves the Submission of the Action Plan](#)

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

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