



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Council President Mota

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting

August 17, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [August 17, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Communications: Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation

Old Business

Councilperson Siegel will be making a motion to remove Bill 39, ARPA funding for the Da Vinci Center and Bill 40, ARPA funding for Coca Cola Park, from the Special Committee and place them on the agenda of his Budget and Finance Committee meeting on September 28th.

Bill 40

Amending the 2022 ARPA Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000) Dollars to Coca Cola Park for COVID-19 Safety Improvements.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 40 \\$1.5 M ARPA - COCA COLA PARK](#)

Legislative History

6/1/22	City Council	tabled
7/20/22	City Council	approved

Bill 39

Amending the 2022 ARPA Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000) Dollars to Da Vinci Science City, LLC.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 39 \\$1.5m ARPA to Da Vinci](#)

Legislative History

6/1/22	City Council	tabled
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REPORTS:

Special Committee Meeting (Mota, Hendricks, Siegel): Chairperson Mota - Council had a Special Meeting on August 24 at 6 PM. Those bills are tentatively scheduled for a vote in October, most likely the October 19th council meeting.

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Santos
The Committee met on August 24 and forwarded some items on this evening's agenda. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 28.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Gerlach, Siegel, Mota
The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for September 21 at 5 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 has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for September 21 5:30 PM.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Zucal, Affa
The Committee has not meet since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for September 21 at 5:50 PM.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Hendricks
The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for September 21 at 6:10 PM.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Mota, Zucal, Gerlach
The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Controller's Report (3 minutes)

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Attachments: [2nd QUARTER 2022 SUMMARY OF PENSION CASH FLOWS](#)
 [Starting a Business](#)
 [CL - SAB](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 57 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 50 Budget and Finance, recommended favorably

Amending the 2022 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a total transfer of Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$5,597.15) among Capital Projects with the final outcome being the closure of Capital Project 2028 – Police Academy Road and Parking Lot and Capital Project 2209 Mack Pool. These Capital Projects are complete and have been reconciled by the Finance Department.

Attachments: [Bill 50 CAPITAL PROJECT CLOSE OUTS & TRANSFERS](#)

Bill 54 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably

Amending the Administrative Code, § 5-15 City Council action on budget, by changing the definitions of the Mayor's Proposed Budget to comply with current and amended provisions of Home Rule Charter - that the budget shall be submitted on or before 75 days prior to the ensuing fiscal year pursuant to the Charter rather than 60 days (housecleaning measure).

Sponsors: Mota and Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 54 Budget Bill](#)

Bill 64 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably

Amending Part I: Administrative Legislation, Chapter 5 Administration of Government, Article IV Financial Procedures, Section 25 Temporary investment of funds.

Attachments: [Bill 64 Investment Policy Ordinance 8-17-22](#)

Bill 92 Public Safety, Recommended Unfavorably 2-1 - wait until alternative penalty is found. Needs an amendment to change sections to reflect codification.

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 Siegel

Attachments: [Bill 92 Deletes imprisonment provision for non-payment of penalties](#)
 [Stopping, Standing and Parking](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

R127
John F. Gross, ACIDA, 1-1-2027 (Reappointment)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R127 ACIDA - John F. Gross](#)
 [John F. Gross, ACIDA, 1-1-2027](#)

R128
Santo Napoli, Blighted Property Review Committee, 1-1-2026

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R128 Blighted Property Review Committee - Santo Napoli](#)
 [Santo Napoli, Blighted Property Review Committee, 1-1-2026](#)

R129
Christian Brown, Planning Commission, 6-3-2025 (Reappointment)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R129 Planning Commission - Christian Brown](#)
 [Christian Brown, Planning Commission, 6-3-2025](#)

R130
Christian Brown, Blighted Property Review Committee, 6-3-2025 (Reappointment)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R130 Blighted Property Review Committee - Christian Brown](#)
 [Christian Brown, Blighted Property Review Committee, 6-3-2025](#)

R130B
Trent Sear, Zoning Hearing Board, 09/06/2026 (Alternate)

Attachments: [R130B Zoning Hearing Board - Trent Sear \(Alternate\)](#)
 [Trent J. Sear - Zoning Hearing Board](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R131
Police Officer Appointments

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R131 Hiring Two Patrolmen](#)

R132
Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of Lehigh Valley P4P Boxing, Inc. to fund facility repairs to assist in the continuation

and operation of their successful youth enrichment boxing program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R132 Local Share Grant Application](#)

R133

Approves the submission of the application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for grant funding for a minimum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00).

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R133 Dept of Transportation](#)

R134

Authorizes the Submission of the Formal Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Grant of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) to support the DaVinci Science Center Downtown Allentown Project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R134 RACP Da Vinci 1](#)

R135

Authorizes Submission of the Formal Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Grant of Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) to support the DaVinci Science Center Downtown Allentown Project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R135 RACP Da Vinci 2](#)

R136

Authorizes the Submission of the 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.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R136 RACP Da Vinci 3](#)

R137

Approves two transfers: (1) \$39,000.00 from CED - HUD to move funds from the 40 to 46 for new Contract Services for Jordan Skatepark; (2) \$16,950.00 from Parks and Recreation since the Golf Course is in need of the VC 60 attachment with double roller and carbide tip blades to remove thatch on greens and tees and improve drainage.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R137 Transfer Funds](#)
[Jordan Skatepark](#)
[Golf Course iVC 60](#)

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

Bill 66 Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2022 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an appropriation of the donation of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars from Friends of the Allentown Parks into the Bogert's Bridge capital project account. These funds will be used for design and construction of Bogert's Bridge.

Attachments: [Bill 66 Bogert's Bridge](#)

Bill 67 Refer to Budget and Finance Committee

Amending the 2022 General Fund Budget by transferring Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars from the CED General Fund and additional One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand (\$125,000.00) Dollars be appropriated from the General Fund balance to General Systems Management account. The purpose is to have funding in place for requests for proposals to 1.) Upgrade the City's website, and 2.) Allow for prospective regulations to be posted on Granicus to allow for a public comment period before regulations are considered to be adopted.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 67 General Fund Budget](#)

Bill 68 Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2022 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of funds from the General Fund to Project 2202, Jordan Creek Greenway Trail (JCGT) in the amount of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars to be used to provide additional funding for construction and/or construction inspection of the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 68 Jordan Greenway](#)

Bill 69 Refer to Parks and Recreation Committee

Amending the 2022 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a deposit of One Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$1,263.73) of donation funds from Homebase Skate Shop to help contribute to the cost of construction for our Skatepark. These funds would be placed in the Jordan Skatepark capital project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 69 Jordan Skatepark](#)

Bill 70 Refer to Public Safety

Amending the 2022 Equipment Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of funds received from Phase-4 of the Cares Act to provide for the purchase of an ambulance.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 70 EMS Ambulance](#)

Bill 71 Refer to Public Safety

Amending the Part One: Administrative Legislation, Chapter 19 Civil Service Rules by updating the policies in Sections 19-5 and 19-6.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 71 Police Employment Amendment](#)

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 6:30 pm in Council Chambers. For copies of the agenda or meeting announcements, please visit our website at www.allentownpa.gov or contact the Clerk at Michael.Hanlon@allentownpa.gov to receive an email notice of the meetings.