

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 57 - 2023

INTRODUCED BY

JUNE 13, 2023

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00) from the unappropriated balance to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Maintenance Equipment expense account. The funds will be used for new holiday decorations and lights that are compatible with the newly installed light poles on Hamilton Street from 5th to 12th.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00) from the unappropriated balance as follows:

**Parks and Recreation
Parks Maintenance**

000-08-0709-0001-72	Grounds Maintenance Equipment	\$ 135,000.00
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SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting \$135,000 from the unappropriated general fund balance to purchase Christmas displays for the 220 new light poles that were installed on Hamilton St.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

220 new light poles were installed on Hamilton St from 5th to 12th. The City's current decorations are not compatible with these new light poles. New decorations for the 220 light poles must be purchased. The Parks and Recreation budget for 2023 did not include upgrading Christmas decorations for these new lights and the Department is requesting \$135,000 from the unappropriated general fund balance to purchase these decorations.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

Appropriating the \$135,000 will allow for the purchase of new Christmas displays that are compatible with the new light poles on Hamilton St.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

The new displays will allow the City to continue to festively decorate the Hamilton St area between 5th and 12th Streets as done in the past. The displays add a bright, festive accent to the ambiance of Hamilton St district. The displays were not able to be mounted last year and feedback from the community indicated they were not pleased with the lack of decorations.

- c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

The displays mounted to the light poles have become part of the holiday traditions of the City. The displays create a bright and festive environment for visitors and citizens alike on Hamilton St between 5th and 12th Streets.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

\$135,000 from the unappropriated general fund balance.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

Purchasing the new Christmas displays will allow for decorations to be mounted to the light poles again for the Christmas season. The display provides a bright and festive display for the holidays for visitors and citizens alike.

- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

Appropriate \$135,000 from the General fund unappropriated balance to the The Parks and Recreation, Park Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance Equipment expense account (000-08-0709-0001-72).

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

The displays need to be ordered as soon as possible to ensure they arrive in time for the Christmas season.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The community was disappointed last year when the displays were unable to be mounted to the new light poles. Appropriating these funds for the purchase of these new displays will help create a welcoming and festive environment for Hamilton St between 5th and 12th.