ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 59 - 2026

AUGUST 19, 2026

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2026 Equipment Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Forty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars ($48,985.00) for the purchase of 1 electric passenger vehicle. The City was awarded $120,070 from the US Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program and $60,000 funded Pennsylvania Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant (AFIG) program. The majority of this grant funding has been spent on 6 vehicles in 2025, but an additional $24,652.85 between both programs remain. The available funding allows the City to purchase 1 additional electric vehicle with the remaining funds.

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

SECTION ONE: That the City Council authorizes a decrease to the unappropriated balance of the Equipment Fund in the amount of Forty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars ($48,985.00) and transferred to the following account:

FROM

083-00-0000-0000-11010		**$48,985.00**

TO

Equipment Fund		
083-02-8003-0065-50073	**Fixed Assets = to or > $5,000**	**$48,985.00**

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SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa		
Jeremy Binder		
Ce – Ce Gerlach		
Cynthia Y. Mota		
Cristian Pungo		
Natalie Santos		
Santo Napoli, Pres.		
TOTAL		

INTRODUCED BY _____

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_____ _____

Santo Napoli, Council President Date

_____ _____

Matt Tuerk, Mayor Date

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was passed by City Council and signed by the Mayor on the

_____ day of _____

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Michael Hanlon, City Clerk

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from?

  Parks and Recreation

- Summary and facts of the bill.

  The City was awarded the following grants to conduct an electric vehicle (EV) fleet pilot program.

  - $120,070 funded through US Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program to purchase the electric passenger vehicles.

  - $60,000 funded through the Pennsylvania Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant (AFIG) Vehicle Purchase Project Program to purchase the electric passenger vehicles.

  In 2025, the City used $147,917.15 and leveraged $45,000 in tax credits to purchase 6 electric vehicles to add to the City's fleet. These vehicles have been deployed but $24,652.85 remains. These funds are going to be used to purchase an additional vehicle and if not used will expire at the end of 2026.

- What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

  The purpose of this bill is to accept the US Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) and Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant (AFIG) funds to purchase 1 additional electric vehicle for the Parks & Recreation Department.

  a. What are the benefits of doing this?

     The City will be able to leverage the rest of the grant funding of $24,652.85 to purchase an additional new electric vehicle.

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

     The bill will promote fiscal responsibility for the City in leveraging the remaining grant funding and tax credits to decrease the cost of new vehicle. Electric vehicles produce less pollution and emissions than gas or diesel powered equivalents.

- Financial Impact –Cost (initial and ongoing)

The City will utilize the $24,652.82 in grant awards to purchase the requested vehicle. The grant funding is reimbursable.

- 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.

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

  Grant Funding Expires in December 2026

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

  The City was awarded $180,070 to purchase 7 EV vehicles for an EV fleet pilot and the grant funding can only be used for electric vehicles and expires by the end of the year. The City will cover the remaining portion of the vehicle purchase. In July, the City also received $45,000 in tax credits that it recouped from the original 6 vehicles that were purchased.