



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, September 21, 2016

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**Invocation: Cynthia Mota**

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** 7 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

**Courtesy of the Floor**

**Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules**

Mr. David Keshl stated that on September 17 he complained about washer machine and dryers being sold on Filmore Street in Allentown and thanked City Council for taking care of it. he invited City Council and the public to Mountainville 30 Spaghetti Dinner on October 14. he is on the Environmental Advisory Committee and thanked Council for approving Melissa Altmann.

Ms. Andrea Rivera, 627 W. Tilghman Street, Jose Rodriguez, 627 W. Tilghman Street, and Hector Urina, 635 W. Tilghman Street, stated that they were at Council. It is worst now. Their neighbors are burning cans and cases in front of the house at 633 W. Tilghman Street. They put super glue inside his key lock.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if the people there rent or own the house.

Mr. Jose Rodriguez stated that they are renting the house.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she spoke to them and told them about a DCR. They don't make music noise so when the Police go out they don't her noise. She suggested contacting Tom Harper.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it seems as though Sweep may be the direction to go.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that we have the address.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they came before us. I suggested they come

before us because they complained to the police and nothing was happening in the past. These are good citizens that want to keep order in an area that is disorderly. He asked Ms. Calluori to take care of this and send someone there to find out what is going on.

Ms. Candida Affa asked Ms. Rivera did you say that there is a very small child in that home.

Ms. Andrea Rivera stated that yes, this breaks my heart. She is like three or four years old.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he can get Children and Youth involved.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that between Ms. Calluori and Assistant Chief Struss can get the PSA Captain can work with the administration to do whatever is necessary.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked anyone else courtesy of the floor.

Mr. Michael Kaminski, 799 Benton Street, thanked the police department for squashing the small incident with the students at South Mountain. He stated that Parks and Recreation needs to improve programs especially with the girls. We are really lacking on the youth athletes.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Kaminski and stated that it is a struggle and we talked about it with Ms. Taylor. He asked anyone else with courtesy of the floor.

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### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Yes:** 7 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

[15-1108](#) September 7, 2016 Special Meeting Contract Review and Approval Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [80 September 7 Special Meeting Contract Review and Approval Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1115](#) September 7, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [81 September 7 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

## Old Business

### Communications

**City Council held an Executive Session yesterday, September 20, 2016, at 4:15 pm with the City Solicitor on a personnel matter regarding appointments to the HARB Board, pending litigation involving Patriot's Park and a settlement in litigation involving the police department. These subjects are exceptions to the open meeting requirement under the Sunshine Law.**

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting – the next meeting is scheduled for September 29th – Thursday evening at 5:30 PM to review the following items and celebrate Brent's birthday:

R147 Request Submission of the Five (5) Year Financial Plan

Bill 52 Amending Article 307, Solicitors and Canvassers, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown by changing the license fee to an application fee, raising the fee from \$25 to \$50 to recoup the costs to process the application, changing the time from going door to door from 9am – 9pm, to 9 am to 7pm, and separating Solicitors from Canvassers.

#### Monthly Finances

Community and Economic Development: Chair McGuire, Guridy, Mota

The Committee met this evening. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled. Information has been circulating to council on food vendors, we plan to take up a review of issues that have been raised at the next meeting.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Affa, MacLean, McGuire

The Committee met this evening. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Affa, O'Connell

The Committee met this evening. We have not scheduled the next meeting.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, MacLean, Affa

The Committee met on September 14 at 6:30 PM to review the Departments budget priorities, the next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Public Works: Chair MacLean, McGuire, O'Connell

The Committee met on September 14th at 5:30 PM to review the Departments budget priorities, the next meeting has not yet been scheduled but we are scheduled to have one item referred to the committee this evening:

R154 Recommends the Administration post the following signage on 7th Street: Calle Siete in recognition and appreciation of the contributions, perspectives and value Latinos and Spanish speaking people add to our City

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair O'Connell, Hendricks, Guridy

The Committee has not met since the last meeting; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

#### City Controller's Report

Mr. Jeff Glazier commented on the highlights of the Accounts Payable weekly check review for July 30 - September 2, 2016. A couple of findings, we noticed some wires posted to Eden on an untimely manner. Multiple invoices were entered into Eden as one invoice. We noted that the Controller is the repository for contracts for the city.

[15-1101](#)

September 7, 2016 Human Resources, Administration and Appointments  
Committee Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [77 September 7 Human Resources, Administration and Appointments Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1102](#) September 7, 2016 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [79 September 7 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

## APPOINTMENTS:

### Appointments:

[15-1078](#) Appointments to the HARB - Historic Architectural Review Board

Barry Brobst	Re-Appointment	Architect	
Fogelsville		1/2/18	
Vacant	Architect Alternate		
Daniel Sell	Re-Appointment	Building Inspector	1043
Highland Street		1/2/18	
Vacant	Building Inspector	Alternate	
Robert Berner	Re-Appointment	Real Estate Agent	809 N
20th Street		1/7/19	
Paul Renaut	Appointment	Real Estate Agent Alternate	286 S
15th Street		1/7/19	
David Huber	Re-Appointment	At Large	2829
Tilghman Street		1/2/17	
Patricia Jackson	Re-Appointment	At Large	446 N
6th Street (Old Allentown)		1/7/19	
Michelle Olson	Appointment	At Large	328
N 8th Street (Old Allentown)		1/2/17	
Ellen Roberts	On Board	At Large	29 N
Fulton (West Park)		1/2/18	
Gregory Shamp	Appointment	At Large Alternate	335 N
8th Street (Old Allentown)		1/2/17	

**Attachments:** [Proposed HARB Appointments 2016](#)

[Gregory Shamp Application - HARB](#)

[Paul Renaut Application - HARB](#)

[Paul Renaut Resume](#)

[Brobst HARB Application](#)

[Dan Sell HARB Application](#)

[Patricia A. Jackson HARB](#)

[Robert A. Berner HARB](#)

[David C. Huber HARB](#)

[Michele Olson HARB](#)

[5 Historic District](#)

**Yes:** 5 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, and David McGuire

**No:** 2 - Daryl Hendricks, and Roger MacLean

## **ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

### [15-1036](#)

Bill 50 Amendment - \$614,072.48 Total

Amending the 2016 Equipment Fund by reallocating Six Hundred Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents (\$610,822.48) unspent 2015 allocated funds for IT (voiceover phone system, archive system, replacement of network switches and other computer equipment) and Police projects (in-car and body camera equipment, and a records management systems).

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 50 Equipment Fund Reallocation](#)

[Memo Equipment Fund](#)

[Bill 50 Info](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked any questions from my colleagues or the public.

Amendment to change the equipment number to read \$614,072.48

**Yes:** 7 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 15314

### [15-1076](#)

Bill 53

Amending Article 951 Park Regulations, Section .08 Vehicles, by deleting the provision that allows biking in Trexler Park only on days of the week with the letter t in them, in effect, allowing biking at Trexler Park every day.

**Sponsors:** Hendricks, Mota and Affa

**Attachments:** [Bill 53 Bicycling in Trexler Park](#)

[09-21-16 Trexler Bicycling Resolution](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that the Bill passed favorably, 2 - 1.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Mota and asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

**No:** 1 - Ray O'Connell

Enactment No: 15315

### [15-1084](#)

Bill 54

Amending the 2016 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars as a result of a funding from Lehigh Valley Health Network to provide for Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) materials and equipment.

**Attachments:** [Bill 54 LVHN Ordinance](#)

Dr. David McGuire stated that it was passed favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues about Bill 54.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she is happy that this is happening. When we learn CPR, we save lives. She is excited that more people will learn CPR.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Mota and asked any of comments from my colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 15316

#### [15-1086](#)

##### Bill 55

Amending Ordinance #15293 by correcting an account number found – the supplemental appropriation and expenditure of \$16,250 as a result of a grant from PA Historical and Museum Commission to provide for residential outreach and review of applications for the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) should have been reflected in the General Fund (00) not the Grant Fund (05).

**Attachments:** [Bill 55 Ordinance Correction for PHMC grant funds](#)

Dr. David McGuire stated that was approved by the Committee, 3- 0.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 15317

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

#### [15-1100](#)

##### R153

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts: 1613 Linden Street and 952 Oak Street

**Attachments:** [R153 HARB Resolution](#)  
[HARB Cases](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked Ms. Calluori if it was reviewed and approved by the city. He asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

Ms. Shannon Calluori stated by HARB.

**Yes:** 7 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 29320

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: NONE**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION:**

[15-1103](#)

R154

Recommends the Administration post the following signage on 7th Street: Calle Siete - in recognition and appreciation of the contributions, perspectives and value Latinos and Spanish speaking people add to our City

**Sponsors:** McGuire, Guridy, Mota and Affa

**Attachments:** [R154 Calle Siete](#)

[Philly China Town Example](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues. The Sponsors are Guridy, Mota, Affa, and McGuire.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that this Resolution is a request from many people in the city. This is Latino Heritage Month Nationwide. Cities like Philadelphia, Miami, Chicago, New York and even Bethlehem have Resolutions like this. The Hispanics considers Seventh Street the street where Hispanics have majority of the businesses. There are no parks or streets in a city where 50 percent of the population is Hispanic.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked Council if they had any comments.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that this is a great idea. We have to embrace diversity. That is what Allentown stronger, the diversity. It is long overdue.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she supports this because it will be a small gesture for a large community that would be appreciative to it.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Affa and opened it up to the public.

Mr. Juan Santos, 215 N. 3rd Street, stated that in regards to putting the name on the street that have a lot of Hispanics sends a welcoming message.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked anyone else from the public.

Mr. Michael Kaminski, 779 Benton Street, stated that it is a good thing we are doing this. He will be sure to pass this along to Harrison Morton.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Kaminski and asked anyone else from the public.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that yesterday there was a Press Conference about the crime in the City of Allentown and we received an email just shy of 24 hours in advance. It would be nice to get more of an advance notice. He stated that City Council should have a copy of the report.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that at least there was 24 hours. In reality there are events that I would like to be a part of and I don't know about it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated likewise. I had other plans and it is very difficult to arrange one's schedule. Not only to get a copy of the report, but beforehand. He congratulated the Allentown Police Department for their continuation of projects, community engagement, and reduction of serious crimes and homicides.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any other comments from my colleagues.

Ms. Candida Affa stated what they are saying it true. We don't get a notice quickly, but we did get it on Don Ringer's Ribbon Cutting.

Mr. Julio Guridy echoed Mr. Hendricks comments. Even though, it was a glowing report, the Part I Crime has gone down. It would have been nice to highlight that. He commended the Police Department for the wonderful job they are doing.

Mr. Ray O'Connell commended the Police Department as well and asked anyone else from Council.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE**

## **ADJOURNED: 7:44 PM**

[15-382](#) Council Rules

**Attachments:** [Council Rules](#)

[15-523](#) Committee Members

**Attachments:** [Committee Members - 2016](#)