



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Councilperson Guridy

Pledge to the Flag

Rollcall

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. Lou Hershman, 405 N. Gilmore Street, stated that several months ago he asked about take home vehicle. Did you complete the study? He read a blog that stated that the Mayor change the specifications on a bid for Cedar Beach Pool. The Mayor waived the requirements. He talked about the city kicking the can down the road.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that we have to transfer monies. We are not taking it out of the Stabilization Fund. We are taking it out of the Cash Reserves. He asked Mr. Hartzell how much money we have in the cash reserves.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that you add up the \$5.2 million Stabilization, plus the reserves, plus another \$7 million that showed in the December Report being available at that stage.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Mr. Hershman brings up a pertinent point and suggested we ask the city Solicitor for a meeting on Cedar Beach Pool in Executive Session.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that request is granted and asked Ms. Fruhwirth to pass that information to Ms. Wild.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she is pretty sure Council is aware that they are going on a tour sometime next week. We will have a meeting with Ms. Taylor. We need an Executive Session on Cedar Beach Pool.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager, 214 N. St. Cloud - Allentown Tenant Association,

stated that in certain areas of the city we don't have enough inspectors. The five year inspections cycle is too long. He asked to target areas specifically. He stated that the 400 Block of Allen Street is horrendous and the Alliance for Building Communities gave back a property. He talked about 420, 418, 416 and 412 Allen Street have a boat in the back of the property. The 400 block of Tilghman is like night and day. Seventh Street is the gateway to the city and is pathetic.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she tried to address the idea of having low-level criminals and we can't. The City of Allentown can't. It is the county.

Mr. Dennis Pearson, 942 E. Tilghman Street, stated that concerns from neighbors on Congress Street at the Shopping Center, trucks are continuing to park. He stated on Jerome Street in the City of Allentown people are using as a speedway. There are a number of accidents and people are concerned about the speed.

Ms. Candida Affa stated as far as the trucks, we had that problem on 12th and Chew. They would try parking there. I was diligent every time they did. Citizens have to take the bull by its horns.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Pearson and asked anyone else for Courtesy of the Floor.

Approval of Minutes:

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

[15-1384](#) December 21, 2016 Special Meeting Contract Review and Approval Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [109 December 21, 2016 Special Meeting Contract Review and Approval Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1385](#) December 21, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [108 December 21, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Old Business: NONE

Communications

[15-1383](#) Pursuant to the code, signed Transfers from December 22, 2016 - January 31, 2017 are part of this agenda and copies are on the desk in the back of the room
- Increase the Number of Special Events in the amount of \$15,000

- Building Maintenance Repairs and Maintenance, Buyout Unifirst Uniforms in the amount of \$10,000
- Pay for Architectural Services for ADA Compliance at Cedar Pool House \$7,900
- Utilization of Premium Pay to Cover Full Time Vacancies \$50,000
- To Cover 2016 Year End Negative Balances - Balance Remaining in 2016 Other Contract Services Account in the amount of \$17,424.28
- To Cover 2016 Year End Negative Balances - 2016 Permanent Wages in the amount of \$12,793.55
- To Correct Negative Balances in Personnel Line Item Accounts - Postage Rate Reduced in the amount of \$6,133.67
- To Pay Last Electric Bill of 2016 for City Hall and Bridgeworks in the amount of \$23,000.00
- Maintain Staffing Due to the Multiple Vacant Positions - Communications in the amount of \$182,212.77
- Correct Negative Balances Costs Lower Than Expected in the amount of \$5,644.23
- To Pay The Remaining Bills for 2016 For Street and Traffic Lighting to PPL in the amount of \$70,000.00

Attachments: [Increase in Number of Special Events \\$15,000.00](#)

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[Utilization of Premium Pay to Cover Full Time Vacancies \\$50,000](#)
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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 February 22, after the Parks and Recreation Meeting.

Community and Economic Development: Chair McGuire, Guridy, Mota

The Committee met this evening; a future meeting is not yet scheduled.

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

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

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; a future meeting is scheduled for February 22 at 5 PM to review Bill 6 and look at ongoing park projects.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, MacLean, Affa

The Committee met this evening; a future meeting is not yet scheduled.

Public Works: Chair MacLean, McGuire, O'Connell

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for March 1 at 6:45 PM to review changes made to the traffic control map - Bill 10.

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

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

City Controller's Report

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that the Controller's office is reviewing Fleet Operations and that question is part of the audit. When it is complete and everyone had a chance to respond he will bring it forward to Council. Bank Reconciliation for the month of August 2016 there were 24 bank reconciliation and it was almost \$63 million. He is happy to report that they had a productive sit-down with Finance Director and Treasury and they are going to do their best to clean some of the items. One minor finding, outstanding wires and outstanding checks. The CAPR is quickly approaching.

APPOINTMENTS:

[15-1367](#)

Memo from Mayor Pawlowski regarding Rev. Maritza Torres Dolich - Recreation Board

Name	Authority/Board/Commission	Term to Expire
Rev. Maritza Torres Dolich	Recreation Board	01/20/2021

Attachments: [Memo from Mayor Pawlowski regarding Rev. Maritza Torres Dolich - Recreation Board](#)

Ms. Candida asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked Ms. Torres Dolich to come up. He stated that I know you are very involved in the community and the Recreation Board.

Rev. Maritza Torres Dolich thanked Council for accepting her. She stated that she is a Philly girl, but is an Allentown girl as well. Thank you for this opportunity.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Rev. Torres Dolich for volunteering and stated that the first meeting is March 2nd.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked how long have you been associated with St. Stephens Church. I dealt with you there with the playground and the children.

Rev. Maritza Torres Dolich stated that she was called there in 2004. She stated yes.

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

Enactment No: 29409

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-1344](#)

Bill 7

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania, amending Part Seven (General Offenses Code), Article 730 of the Codified Ordinances by adding section 730.99.1 to establish guidelines for police officers to follow when effectuating warrantless arrests when the conduct constitutes a summary offense pursuant to Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial procedure), Part viii (Criminal Proceedings), Chapter 89 (commencement of proceedings), Subchapter a (general provisions) of the Pennsylvania consolidated statutes.

Attachments: [Bill 7 Warrantless Arrests for Summary Offenses.doc](#)

[Warrantless Arrests Legal opinionh.pdf](#)

[Warrantless Arrests PLEAC Standard.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this is an administrative filing to comply with Plea Act Certification. We voted on this favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Hendricks and asked any other comments.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he was not here for that committee meeting. When he hears Warrantless Arrest he gets concerned on how that works.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that the police can arrest without a warrant for certain offenses. They are delineated in the Crimes Code.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated it could be minor disorderly conduct.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from the public on Bill 7.

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

Enactment No: 15347

[15-1345](#)

Bill 8

Amending the 2017 Capital Fund and the 2017 General Fund to provide for a transfer in the amount of One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Dollars (\$141,000) from the Capital Fund Project Blight Removal and Remediation to the Planning Program of the General Fund for the in-take and community outreach of the Upside Allentown Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Attachments: [Bill 8 IN-TAKE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH TRANSFER.doc](#)

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

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that the people from CEDC did a fine job explaining it to us and it was 3 - 0. He asked any comments from the public.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager asked for the short version and how it effect whatever programs.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that the \$141,000 is money we are pulling out of the Capital Fund moving the General Fund. We are going to be using that money for housing rehabilitation within the Upside Allentown area.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that the this is money that was in the Capital Fund and we are going to use a portion of it for public awareness of the Upside Allentown program and we had to move it into operating funds and that is why we did it this way.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any other comments from the public about Bill 8.

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

Enactment No: 15348

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-1342](#)

R18

Authorizes the Administration to Enter into a Land Swap Agreement with

Brewers Hill Development Group for real estate along the Lehigh River Waterfront for the construction of Riverside Drive.

Attachments: [R17 Brewers Hill Development Group Land Swap.doc](#)
[BHDG Land Swap Details](#)

Dr. David McGuire stated that this was approved by the committee.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that CEDC personnel gave an overview. This is a land swap and there is no money involved. Any other 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: 29410

[15-1360](#)

R19

Authorization for Contract with Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley in the amount of \$140,624.00 to offer a housing rehabilitation program to income-eligible property owners or property owners with income-eligible tenants within the Upside Allentown geographic boundaries (see Attached A for the Upside Allentown map). The program goal is to improve the quality of housing within the Upside Allentown area.

Attachments: [R19 Request for Council Approval - Housing Rehab In-Take and Community Outreach Prgm Svs- RFP No 2016-35-CACLV](#)
[Sole Source Documentation Chamber of Commerce 2017 Final](#)

Dr. David McGuire stated that the committee discussed and recommended it, 3 -0.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that the personnel from Community and Economic Development did a great job. The city has a very good relationship with the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley. We are helping people improve the housing market. He 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: 29411

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

[15-1373](#)

Bill 9 Parks and Recreation, Recommended Favorably
West Park Fountain Restoration - Grant from the Century Fund

Attachments: [Bill 9 WEST PARK FOUNTAIN CENTURY FUND GRANT.doc](#)

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

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION

Enactment No: 15350

[15-1368](#)Bill 10 Public Works
Traffic Control Map**Attachments:** [Bill 10 Traffic Control Map](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that this is quarterly. He asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):[15-1372](#)R34 CEDC, this evening.
LANTA - Bicentennial Park Land Swap**Attachments:** [R34 LANTA- Bicentennial Park Land Swap.doc](#)
[LANTA - Bicentennial Park Land Swap.pdf](#)

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

REFERRED TO CEDC

Enactment No: 29419

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Cynthia Mota invited everyone on February 26th after the Dominican Republican Independence Day to have free food, music and speakers. She stated that it is at 1:00 PM.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that we have a General Counsel of the Dominican Republic from New York. There will be a flag raising ceremony. We do it every year. We have the first Latina pilot in the US Army. She is a pilot of a Black Hawk. She is from the Dominican Republic. Also, on the 25th, there will be the Black History Month Celebration.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Mota and Mr. Guridy. He asked anything else for New Business.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Mr. Ray O'Connell congratulated Mr. Pearson on his wedding on February 12th. Our local high school basketball team, Allen High School is still on a good roll. They are 22 - 1. They play on Friday night for the EPC Championship.

ADJOURNED: 7:38 PM