



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, March 1, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Special Meeting: Approval of Contracts/Professional Services

#### CALL TO ORDER: Council President Ray O'Connell

**Present:** 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, and David McGuire

**Excused:** 1 - Roger MacLean

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

[15-1393](#)

R39

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Community Bike Works in the amount of \$2,500.00 for their bicycle education program - grant funded through the Pa. Department of Health.

**Attachments:** [R39 Request for Council Approval - Community Bike Works 3-1-17](#)

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that it was only bid on this because it was under \$4,000.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that this is what we do with a one year contract. Because of the fact that Community Bike Works is not always sure of their funding and we are not sure of our funding. We incorporate in our proposal the fact that that we will work with kids to properly ride a bike, use a bike and get exercise through biking. If it is approved, we will work with Community Bike Works with the children.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Kistler and asked any comments from my colleagues on R39 or the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, and David McGuire

**Absent:** 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29412

[15-1394](#)

R40

Authorization for Contract with Monarch Precast Concrete Corp in the amount of \$87,395.00 to supply storm sewer fittings - competitively bid through the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Purchasing Council.

**Attachments:** [R40 Request for Council Approval - Storm Sewer Fittings-BID No. 2016-06](#)

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that he will let Mr. Messinger speak to the technical specifics. This is a contract run through the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Purchasing Council.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that the Contract Bid is for all the stormwater fittings when you get to the concrete end of it. This is all the pre-cast concrete pipes, inlets and risers for the stormwater manholes and stormwater system in itself.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues. He stated Monarch is in Allentown, on the eastside.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if the \$87,000 our share of it. How much does the city cost?

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that is the aggregate whole.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is basically when it is necessary, depending when we televise our pipes. It could be \$20,000, \$30,000 or \$40,000 for the city.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if the city worked with them before.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated yes.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated they have been there forever. He asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, and David McGuire

**Absent:** 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29413

[15-1395](#)

R41

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Robert E. Brinker, Jr. in the amount of \$800.00 for proctoring of Master and Journeyman Plumbing Tests.

**Attachments:** [R41 Request for Council Approval - Robert Brinker 3-1-17](#)

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that his understanding is that Mr. Brinker has provides these proctor and testing services. This will be two events at \$400 each during the course of the year.

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

Mr. Julio Guridy asked how long is the sessions.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that whatever is necessary to master and proctor a journeyman test.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that it is probably like an SAT, or Pre-SAT and the hourly rate. He asked any other comments from my colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, and David McGuire

**Absent:** 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29414

[15-1396](#)

R42

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Turfgrass Disease Solutions in the amount of \$1,400 for consulting services to provide golf course staff with solutions to pest control and turf management.

**Attachments:** [R42 Request for Council Approval - Turfgrass Disease Solutions 3-1-17](#)

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that this is a professional service and under \$4,000. Only one bid was solicited.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that Turfgrass Disease Solutions will make two visits to the course during the season to evaluate the turf. They made a visit last year when we were in the midst of wet wilt. The course recovered very well.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated a lot of work being done at the Golf Course. It looks great. The trees are going down.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that was part of Turfgrass' recommendations to take down some of the to increase light and air on the greens.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any questions from my colleagues.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked how is the condition. The course opened last Saturday.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that the course is in great and carried over very well this winter.

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

public.

**Yes:** 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, and David McGuire

**Absent:** 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29415

[15-1397](#)

R43

Authorization for Award of a Two Year Contract with Grindeline Concrete Skate Park Design & Construction in the amount of \$78,010 to secure the services of a consulting team to design and engineer a skatepark that meets the safety and standards for the latest skatepark design principles for skateboarders, scooters and BMX riders.

**Attachments:** [R43 Request for Council Approval - Skatepark Development- BID No 2016-14- Grindeline RFP Tabulation Memo - FINAL](#)

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that the RFP committee found this to be the best value of those that were presented.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that they had a competitive RFP process. We received six proposals throughout the country. The company we are recommending is Grindeline is located in Seattle, Washington. It was started by a group of skaters and involved in the design over the past several years. The skate park will be at Jordan Park.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated remember we talked about the skate park over a year ago and we had people in the back talking about skating. We are moving forward with the skate park.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked Ms. Taylor when is she planning committee input.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that we will get that when we can get the group out here for a pre-meeting. It will be through the spring and summer.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked anyone else on Council or the public.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he thinks it is well overdue. We have been talking about this park for years.

**Yes:** 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, and David McGuire

**Absent:** 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29416

[15-1398](#)

R44

Authorization for Award of Contract with F.A. Rohrbach, Inc. in the amount of \$386,950.00 to engage in sidewalk reconstruction work through November 15, 2017 - lowest bid.

**Attachments:** [R44 Request for Council Approval -Sidewalk Work for the 2015 Streets Program-](#)  
[BID TABULATION-2017-02](#)

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that there were three and it was a competitive bid. They went with the lowest responsive bid. This will be coming out of the Capital Funds that have been set aside for this purpose in 2015.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated for the 2015 program when we went out for bids for curb and sidewalk. All the bids come in too high and it did not cover the funding of what we had for the program. We had to at a minimum put the curbing in so that's why this is sidewalk itself.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked what area are you looking to tie into this project.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this was the 2015 Street Program all throughout the city. We had to re-notice them that this was going. Again, the bids came in way too high. This is the third time it went out. The bid came in low enough.

Dr. David McGuire thanked Mr. Messinger that his department sent. The amount \$386,000 to engage in sidewalk reconstruction work. Is this the amount the city would actually have to pay or this estimated cost and money is regained by the individual homeowner.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this is the pass through. We have to pay the contractor because we hold the contractor. We pay and if the property owner does use our contractor, we bill and get our funds back. There is a program for low-income housing. If you do own your property and you make under a certain amount of money which is handled under Community and Economic Development that if they will live in the property for five years, there is funding from CDBG that would take care of paying for it.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, and David McGuire

**Absent:** 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29417

[15-1406](#)

R45

Authorization for a change order over 10% that was previously bid with Construction Masters Services, LLC., in the amount of \$146,203.00 for

construction of ADA handicap ramps within the CDBG eligible low income residential downtown area.

**Attachments:** [R45 ADA ramps Request for Council Approval - Construction Masters Svs- CO](#)

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that reason for this Change Order is not because of an overrun, but rather additional CDBG money found to be available for this particular project. We are asking for the contractor to do more than what was originally intended.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any questions from Council or the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, and David McGuire

**Absent:** 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29418

**ADJOURNED: 6:18 PM**