

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 8 - 2018

FEBRUARY 21, 2018

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars. This was a result of a mitigation fee contribution from City Center toward the cost of a study to survey the historic buildings along Hamilton Street from American Parkway to 12th Street as required by the Zoning Hearing Board.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the 2018 General Fund in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars reflecting receipt of monies for a mitigation fee contribution from City Center toward the cost of a study to survey the historic buildings along Hamilton Street from American Parkway to 12th Street as required by the Zoning Hearing Board.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund as follows:

**Department of Community and Economic Development
Bureau of Planning and Zoning
Historical and Architectural Preservation**

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| 000-09-0902-0004-46 | Other Contract Services | \$25,000 |
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Planning and Zoning.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

This is a request for a resolution to accept a mitigation fee in the amount of \$25,000 from City Center for the demolition of historic buildings at 736 to 744 Hamilton Street.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill relate to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The bill allows the City to accept the \$25,000 mitigation fee which is a condition of the zoning approval to demolish the buildings as determined by the Zoning Hearing Board (See the attached zoning decision) and agreed upon by City Center. The buildings were in the Historic Building Demolition Overlay Zone which makes demolition of a building a Special Exception. The Historical Architectural Review Board gets the opportunity to comment on the demolition and they recommended the fee and other mitigation requirements be fulfilled prior to demolition (See the attached HARB decision). This payment will be used by the City, to fund, in whole or in part, a study by a qualified historic preservation consultant of the buildings along Hamilton Street from American Parkway to 12th Street. The study will determine the historic and architectural significance of buildings along Hamilton Street and prioritize the buildings for additional protections under the Zoning Ordinance. The City's Comprehensive Plan recommends preservation and reuse of historic buildings. The City is recognized by the National Park Service and the PA State Historic Preservation Office as Certified Local Government for its historic preservation program.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

Costs will be covered by the mitigation fee. Staff will spend time managing and overseeing the work of the consultant Staff will subsequently spend time amending the Historic Building Demolition Overlay Zone.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

Funding is from City Center as a donation to the City.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

As soon as possible.