ORDINANCE NO. 15447

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 22 - 2018

MAY 16, 2018

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twelve Thousand ($12,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) to fund a Historical Preservation Specialist Consultant to assist the City's Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB).

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 Twelve Thousand ($12,000) Dollars reflecting receipt of monies from the PHMC to fund a Historical Reservation Specialist Consultant to assist with HARB.

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

000-09-0902-0004-46   Other Contract Services $12,000.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa, VP	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Daryl Hendricks	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Courtney Robinson	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Roger MacLean, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on June 6, 2018 and signed by the Mayor on June 8, 2018.

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CITY CLERK

- **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 grant in the amount of $12,000 from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission / Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) to hire a professional historic preservation consultant to review applications for certificates of appropriateness (COA) for exterior alterations to buildings in the historic districts.

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

  The bill allows the City to accept the grant in the amount of $12,000 to hire a historic preservation consultant to review applications for COA's for alterations to buildings in the historic districts. This service will provide staff and the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) with expert advice on proposed alterations, based on the Design Guidelines for Historic Districts in Old Fairgrounds, Old Allentown and West Park. The City has been a Certified Local Government (CLG), which is a state and federal program that recognizes the value of the historic preservation program in the City of Allentown. Historic preservation is also a component in the current Comprehensive Plan.

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

  Costs will be completely covered by the grant. Salaries of staff will be used to match the grant. This will help the City to continue to preserve historic architecture in the City.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - o **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 the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission / Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office.

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

  As soon as possible, the grant will be awarded in about 60 days from the date of the approval letter (attached). The grant funding period starts on August 1, 2018.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

This bill will assist with the continued and ongoing efforts to preserve the unique characterisitcs of the architecture in the historic districts in the City of Allentown.