



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, July 18, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Invocation: Councilperson Hendricks

#### Pledge to the Flag

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

#### Courtesy of the Floor

#### Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. David Keshl, Wabash Street - President of Moutnainville 30 Crime Watch, stated that he has two concerns with safety about the concrete barriers on Hamilton Street and 4th Street. They are not painted anymore. They are very hard to see. He asked for paint or reflectors. He asked who takes care of parking on sidewalks. Does the police or traffic or Parking Authority.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it is the Parking Authority and the Police.

Ms. Candida Affa stated call the Parking Authority. They are there until 5:00 PM. She stated that she will address it at the Parking Authority's next meeting.

Mr. Chris Woods, Walnut and 10th Streets - Allentown Coalition for Economic Dignity, stated they met with Mayor O'Connell about a month ago. Since that time, we tried to reach City Council to meet with you to talk about the same six proposals that we gave to Mayor O'Connell. He stated that he emailed all of them at least once. Some of you twice and reached out to Ms. Whitehead. He stated that he heard a response from Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Zucal only to say that the date did not work. The other five of you I have not heard from. He stated that they will be persistent to meet with Council on affordable housing.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he is way behind on his emails and you can't meet with all of City Council.

Mr. Chris Woods stated that he is hoping to meet with them individually.

Mr. Roger MacLean suggested that Mr. Woods contact Tawanna and she can check our schedule and coordinate more than one meeting. It would have to be two or more.

Mr. Courtney Robinson echoed what Mr. MacLean said and stated for his industry summer is the busiest time. He asked if Mr. Woods would be comfortable having at a public meeting.

Mr. Chris Woods stated that yes. Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he would be more than happy to work the schedule for Community and Economic Development meeting and asked for everyone to be present for that.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated to Mr. Woods if you need to talk to me you can call on my cell phone.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that he did meet with Mr. Woods and his group and that is a good suggestion.

Ms. Erika Bickford, 130 S. Lumber Street, thanked Mr. MacLean for looking at the stairs. It would be far cheaper to pay \$50 - \$100 to fill the cement gaps on the top of S. 11th Street then to have a lawsuit. I am still having pain from when I fell. She suggested to add a rail.

Ms. Paulette Kish, 1028 E. Chew Street, stated that there is a recycling issue where a tepee has been left on a curb for over a month. Recycling said they won't pick it up. It is at 1020 E. Chew Street. She asked about the swimming pools and lifeguards pay. If you pay your lifeguards you will have a much better chance of having lifeguards at your pools. She stated that the biggest issue is that she read in the paper that Lindsay Taylor was let go. She is concerned that the project Ms. Taylor was working on at Andre Reed park. Her concern is everything that they work on as was established is going forward.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it would still go forward. The spray park is the suggestion on the committee. That will continue to move forward. He stated don't believe everything you read in the paper.

Ms. Jennifer Miller, 1120 Club Avenue, stated that her two dogs got attacked by two loose dogs in the park. She stated that she was trying to contact the police department and file a police report.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that she did not catch her name or what her complaint is.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that Ms. Miller's dogs were attacked by two dogs in the park.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that if you contacted the Mayor's office this is the first time I am hearing about it.

Ms. Jennifer Miller stated that she is working with Animal Control and they are pressing charges.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that the Mayor will see that Captain Keiser contacts you.

Mr. Louis (inaudible) stated that he lives at Franklin and Fairview Streets and there is a hydrant and the cars are parked away from hydrant. He gets tickets. He stated that the corner should be painted in yellow.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it doesn't have to be painting. You can't park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. He asked Mr. Messinger to have lines painted at the fire hydrant.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that they are actually going to paint all along the fire hydrants.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this is how you get your driver's license. You have to know that.

Mr. James Whitney, 1122 Hamilton Street - Little Drills Creative Studios LLC, stated that his partner Shelby owns 1122 Hamilton and 65 Oak and is a small business owner running a marketing and photography company. She and I moved from Seattle to Allentown and invested in the city. They were awarded a much needed grant from Upside Allentown to upgrade the facade of our commercial building. From day one a collaboration was not an option. We tried to persuade Peter Lewnes to have a facade that would work with our business. Mr. Lewnes reacted by designing a facade that was the exact opposite of what our business stands for. He wanted our business stamped dark grey. Mr. Lewnes cites the committee's strict historic rules. He stated that Upside Allentown's Committee has five principle objectives and not one of them is for historic preservation or accuracy. He stated that Jeff Brace told them point blank the committee has no opinions of what any building looks like. He asked for the city to step up and help them.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if Mr. Whitney wants to paint this, correct.

Mr. James Whitney stated that they want to stain it.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that according to Peter he wanted it back to the original to be brick. The first thing is that it had to be restored and then he changed the rules to yes, you can paint it, but it has to be painted his color or the color he wanted.

Mr. James Whitney stated that Upside Allentown Physical Improvements Committee has no historical guidelines.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Mayor O'Connell is there someone in the city that Mr. Whitney can work with and navigate through this process.

Mayor O'Connell stated that he and Mr. Whitney talked and it is outside our purview per se because it is a CADCA and Upside Allentown.

Mr. James Whitney stated that HARB does not regulate paint colors. If you have a well with \$550,000 of private funds in it and then you throw a penny of public funds into that well then that money, all of it should be distributed with fairness and equality. Guidelines exist for a reason. The guidelines that you are stating don't exist.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Mr. Whitney to give his information to Mr. Hanlon and when Mr. Robinson sets up a Community and Economic Development meeting we will pursue it further.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he will work with Mayor O'Connell so that they can have Mr. Lightner and the rest of his staff, including Jesse Sadiua who deals with Upside Allentown. There is a fair mixer of public and private money so there should be some oversight. He stated that he knows there are other issues that have been happening with Upside Allentown. He asked Mr. Kimmerly if the only regulation on Hamilton Street is the demolition overlay.

Mr. David Kinnmerly stated yes, that is correct.

Ms. Shelby Edwards, Little Drill LLC- 1122 Hamilton Street, stated that they create visual context for a living. She provided a rendering of their dream facade for 1122 Hamilton Street. She spoke about Mr. Peter Lewnes email and about painting building. We were staying with a more historic color of darker grey. This design was deemed so historically inaccurate it was worth balking at and revoking the grant that we were awarded. We shared our facade design with local respected historians who each gave their blessings.

Mr. Collins, Summer Intern - Little Drill Creative, stated that he is an intern and moved from Brooklyn, NY and never got an opportunity to get to know about Allentown. He stated that he learned to love Allentown as a true hidden gem. He stated thanks to his employers he was able to see the historic mecca of buildings that deserves to be treated for what they are. They are gems. Allentown is in desperate need for an economic boots.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated he is glad Mr. Collins like it here.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated welcome.

Ms. (name not given) urged Council to think about this. She stated that she met Shelby and James as a result of her appointment to the Parks Board. They are passionate about Allentown. Their building is beautiful. You want young people to come into the city and revitalize it. Give some consideration to this. This is what Allentown needs. She stated that she hopes Council takes some consideration with this.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he can guarantee Mr. Robinson will follow up on this under his committee.

Mr. Enrique Moreno, 33 N. Front Street, stated that he has lived in the city of Allentown for 20 years. He stated that he has so many issues. He represents the Lehigh Spanish Soccer League at Fountain Park. He stated that he paid his house off and pays his taxes every year. He asked for a meeting. They meet each Sunday in the summertime. What happens with the garbage and the bathroom.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that there is not enough trash receptacles or are you saying there are none.

Mr. Enrique Moreno stated that he talked to Chris Hendricks and he wants to speak to a supervisor about the issue. We have a payment plan. He stated that there are no trash bins and no bathrooms. The ball goes into the river every summertime. We pay for the field.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that there were issues with the payment. We are not going to build a wall so that the ball doesn't go into the water.

Mayor O'Connell stated that they continue to work with the Spanish Soccer League. There are issues. They have to play by the rules. They have to pay or they don't play. He stated that he goes on Sundays and it is a mess. We are doing the best we can, but they have to play by the rules. If they don't pay, they don't play. We continue to have a problem. They can't drink alcohol in the parks. They have to clean up their acts or they won't be

playing in Allentown next year.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that last year she did help them out. I am willing to work with them and willing to do the translation. They have to follow the rules. They are here and stating the problem. She asked when does the garbage get pick up.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that the garbage is across the field.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that we pick it up the next day, Monday.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that we will have a meeting on it.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he suggested that they come to Council. I just did not have the time. They kept talking to me, calling me and I gave them the information. The issue is that you have to pay in order to use the park. You have to follow the rules. Can we provide the trash basket?

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that there is a trash can.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that Councilwoman Mota will work with your guys and set up a meeting with her and the parks department.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

### **Old Business**

Mr. Ed Zucal asked Mayor O'Connell and Mr. McMahon how much have we spent on fees on the LCA issue. Was there an injunction filed against them so that they would not start collecting?

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated Mr. McMahon has been working on the LCA situation and has been disposed.

Mr. Joe McMahon stated that the injunction has been filed.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that the injunction has been filed.

Mr. Joe McMahon stated that they have to get Council the numbers because he has a list of all the fees that have been spent for outside Counsel.

Mr. Roger McLean asked if there were any other comments from Council.

### **Communications: NONE**

### **Presentation of 2018 Watson Skinner Award: Diane Fegley**

Mr. Skinner stated like his great grandfather, Diane shares a love for the city. He thanked City Council. He stated that Ms. Fegley's help with the homeless women of the city helping them out as much as possible. He stated that they hope that she will be more involved now that she has her adopted son and her feeling that she hasn't been involved as much as she used to. We want to do our best to help you and do as much as we can to improve the city as much as possible.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that if there ever was a steward of this city for the homeless is this young lady right here. She has done countless things and used countless hours from her family to help the homeless and provide shelter for the homeless and collect funds for roofs over their heads. I can't think of a more deserving person than you. He thanked the Skinner family for choosing her.

Ms. Diane Fegley stated that she is super honored and thanked the family. It is appreciated. She stated that with their son, she has been busy. He was diagnosed with autism and we are up to seven therapists. It has been overwhelming. She stated that she does still maintain a Facebook with the Warming Stations. She stated that she would love to be involved in any capacity for the shelter for this coming year. She talked about Chris Cocca bringing the homeless problem to her attention many years ago. He is the one that pointed out that the homeless was sleeping on the floor at St. Paul's right behind the Brew Works. One of the homeless people are here tonight. Working with the homeless is what help you help them. It is the hardest thing working with the homeless knowing that they have a shorter life expectancy and having lost some of our dear friends, including the gentleman that died in the dumpster a couple of years ago. She stated that she is hoping to work with the Skinners and help the true Angels on the street. She stating working with Rooster working with the 800 school children that we have. We did a fundraiser for him recently and the Parish nurse at St. Paul's, Jackie Howells. Her husband actually works for the city. She thanked everyone for their support.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:****Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Council will have a special meeting on the confirmation of directors on July 25th at 5 PM.

**Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota**

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for July 25th at 6 PM; we will review the monthly financial reports.

**Community and Economic Development: Chair Robinson, Guridy, Affa**

The Committee met on July 11th, forwarded a bill favorably, and recommended a HARB denial on tonight's agenda; the next meeting is not scheduled.

**Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Affa, Zucal, Mota**

The Committee met on July 11th; the next meeting is not scheduled.

**Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Robinson, MacLean**

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is not scheduled.

**Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Affa, Zucal**

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is not scheduled.

**Public Works: Chair Zucal, Hendricks, Robinson**

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is not scheduled.

**Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair MacLean, Affa, Guridy**

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

**Controllers Report****Administration Report**

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that he has no report this evening. He stated that he will have reports for both meetings in August.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that they were notified by the Lehigh Valley Road Runners on Monday that Allentown is one of the five recipients in the nation to be named Running City USA. We will bring that forward. We are one of five in the nation. The Lehigh Valley Road Runners do a great job. They give away \$50,000 - \$60,000 a year in scholarships.

**APPOINTMENTS:**[15-2409](#)

Name/Authority/Board/Commission/Term to Expire

Eileen Moser

Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code Board of Appeals

08/05/2021

Nicholas Miller

Vacant Property Review Board/Blighted Property Review Committee

01/07/2020

**Attachments:** [Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code Board of Appeals](#)  
[Vacant Property Review Board & Blighted Property Review Committee](#)  
[Resolution #29677](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from her colleagues or the public.

Mr. Anthony Hespeth, 1215 S. Bradford Street, stated that Environmental issues are very near and dear to him. I have an environmental degree from Temple University. As a lot of people, you go to college and you study something, but it is not necessary what you do when you grow up. This gives me a chance to come full circle. I look forward to working with all of you and putting some of my skills to help develop the city. Thank you for the appointment.

Mr. Roger MacLean thanked Mr. Hespeth for his time.

Mr. Nicholas Miller thanked City Council and he stated that he is committed to the city. He stated that he has an investment property on Eighth and Walnut Streets. He stated that he is a lifelong Allentonian. He stated that he is fourth generation and works at IBM as a management consultant and a Penn State graduate. He stated that he is young, but wants to energize the millennial generation and looks forward to serving the city.

Mr. Roger MacLean thanked Mr. Miller for donating his time.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 29677

[15-2422](#)

Anthony K. Hespeth (Keith) - Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)  
Council's Representative

Term to Expire - January 1, 2020

**Attachments:** [Anthony K. Hespeth \(Keith\) - Environmental Advisory Council \(EAC\)](#)  
[Resolution #29677](#)

Enactment No: 29677

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

### **15-2370**

Bill 35 Public Works, recommended favorably  
Amending the 2018 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars from UGI to the City of Allentown for the installation of handicap ramps on Walnut Street from 10th Street to 15th Street as part of a cost sharing project.

**Attachments:** [Bill 35 UGI handicap ramp contribution](#)  
[UGI HANDICAP RAMP AGREEMENT LTR](#)  
[Ordinance #15460](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he believes it was in Mr. Zucal's committee and they were sent to full Council favorably. He asked if there were any comments from the administration or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 15460

### **15-2375**

Bill 37 CEDC, recommended favorably  
Amending the 2018 General Fund budget by adding a total of three positions in the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety. Two Housing Inspectors (14M, Step D) each budgeted at an annual salary of Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Sixty (\$50,560) Dollars and one Clerk III (8M, Step D) budgeted at an annual salary of Forty-Four Thousand Forty-Five (\$44,045) Dollars.

**Attachments:** [Bill 37 Housing Reorg](#)  
[Ordinance #15461](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that this was also in committee and sent favorably to the full Council. He asked if there were any comments from the administration.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that this was in Community and Economic Development. They met last week. The purpose behind this is that we need to maximize the rental unit inspections as well as our pre-sale inspections. The money is not currently being used for a vacant positions in the electrical/plumbing and building inspectors and combined inspectors

because we have some vacancies there. We are going to use this specifically for rental. This is dedicated monies and all for the pre-sale inspections. The Clerk is for the rental inspections, correct? It was brought up by Mr. Hershman of why they are coming in at Step Ds in the budget. These are union positions and we need the full amount budgeted if the most senior positions could fit into the job. If there are not a senior level, they will be paid less than what is budgeted.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated presale inspections.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from the administration.

Mayor Ray O'Connell echoed what Mr. Robinson said. These positions are very, very needed if we want to continue the rental inspections and the pre-sale inspections. A lot of work went into this to present this to Mr. Robinson's committee. I encourage you to vote yes.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that if we can work with and it is something that I see living in an historic district seeing a usual problem. The pre-sale inspectors will go through the house and will make recommendations that would have to be brought up to code. An example is porch railings. In HARB, the porch railings have to be lowered. They are in the Code in the historic district because of the historical characteristics.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated so noted.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 15461

[15-2379](#)

Bill 38 Public Works, this evening

Providing for the vacation of a portion of Watson Street from the centerline of South Tenth Street in a Westerly direction 125 feet more or less to the southwest corner of the lot with the address of 2332 South Tenth Street.

**Attachments:** [Bill 38 Watson and S. 10th Streets](#)  
[Staff Report - Watson Street from South 10th Street](#)  
[Watson Street at S. 10th Street Map](#)  
[Planning Department's Letter regarding Watson Street from South 10th Street](#)  
[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission - Watson Street from South 10th Street to West Emmaus Avenue](#)  
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Watson Street from S. 10th Street to the Western Property Line of 1014 West Emaus Avenue - Street Vacation \(REVISED\)](#)  
[Watson Street from South 10th to West Emmaus Avenue Labels](#)  
[Allentown City Planning Commission Minutes March 13, 2018](#)  
[Documents from Justin Emery regarding Watson Street from S. 10th Street to West Emaus Avenue](#)  
[Ordinance #15462](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was brought before Public Works and sent to full Council favorably.

MR. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments from Council or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 15462

#### 15-2382

Bill 39 Public Works, this evening  
Providing for the vacation of a portion of Wye Street from the centerline of South Fourth Street to the centerline of vacated South Jordan Street .

**Attachments:** [Bill 39 Wye Street from the centerline of South Fourth Street to the centerline of vacated South Jordan Street](#)  
[Staff Report - Wye Street from South 4th Street to Vacated South Jordan Street](#)  
[Wye from from Jordan Street Map](#)  
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Street Vacation - Portion of Wye Street Approximately 100 feet west from Jordan Street](#)  
[Wye from Jordan Street Labels](#)  
[Planning Department's Letter regarding Wye Street from South 4th Street](#)  
[Letter from R. Douglas Stewart from the Planning Department regarding Wye Street from South 4th Street - Street Vacation](#)  
[Allentown City Planning Commission Minutes March 13, 2018](#)  
[Allentown City Planning Commission Meeting - April 10, 2018](#)  
[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission - Portion of Wye Street](#)  
[Ordinance #15463](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was in Public Works and sent to full Council favorably.

MR. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 15463

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

[15-2408](#)

R88 CEDC, recommended favorably  
Discussion: HARB Denial - 245 N. 9th Street

**Attachments:** [R88 HARB Denial - 245 N. 9th Street](#)  
[245 N 9th St FINAL REVIEW SHEET July](#)

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that this was in front of the Community and Economic Development Committee last week and it was forwarded unanimously favorably. This is a situation where security cameras were requested to be put on a building. The HARB meeting was scheduled. The property owner did not show up nor did any representative. A second meeting was scheduled and no one showed up nor a representative. In the meantime the cameras were put up in a way that did not follow the HARB guidelines even though that information had been provided to the property owner. The HARB board brought this up as a denial at the meeting. Representatives of the property owner did arrive. We did explain to them that unfortunately because they did not attend the HARB meeting there is nothing that we could do at this point. I do hope that they spoke to Mr. Kimmerly afterwards to try to move this forward, but because of the timeframe involved we do need favorably vote on this denial.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that we do have to move forward on this.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that since the cameras were installed it would be treated as a violation and they would get a violation notice. The option in the violation notice is to remove the cameras or to apply to HARB and discuss with the board methods of trying to make the cameras that currently exist with the cameras fit in. Some of them may need to be removed or some of them may have to be moved to different locations. It may be an idea to paint them and paint the conduit that's also on the building to make them fit in.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that the homeowner has the opportunity to work

with HARB to correct the situation. He asked if there were any comments from Council.

Mr. Nelson (inaudible) stated that cameras that we are working with Mr. Kimmerly and the owner. He stressed the safety and security of the tenants because they are of the most concern. As a result, we contracted secured security of the Lehigh Valley to install high definition eight camera system. Without the cameras present on the building how would we be able to ensure the safety and security of our tenants. To date, at 10:00 AM we had a break-in and a police report was made with the police department. We will lose tenants if we do not have these cameras put up. We would like to take extensive measures to hide the cameras. We are willing to pain the conduit cameras to match the color of the building. This will keep the historic integrity of the building while still allowing us to have a safe and secure environment for our tenants and our community.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that we want the same thing. Nobody wants you to take the cameras down. What we want you to do is work with Mr. Kimmerly to make sure they fit in the historic area.

Mr. Nelson stated that in the packet he has all the fees. The light camera fee and some information that he wants to leave with Council.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated to leave the information with Mr. Hanlon, but please make sure you work with Mr. Kimmerly.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that the HARB guidelines do allow for security cameras and systems to be installed, but they have to follow specific guidelines.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated please make sure you work with Mr. Kimmerly because you are going to have to file an appeal and that will give you time to take care of this stuff with HARB.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 29378

[15-2417](#)

R89

Authorizes Disposition of Certain Records

**Attachments:** [R89 Records Retention](#)

[Resolution #29679](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked about the records.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that when the FBI came in and raided on July 2, 2015, we were told to keep all records. What we are doing now is cleaning up our records and dispose of 2015 and then we will come back in November for 2016 and 2017. We could have waiting until November to do all three years which would have been an overwhelming project so we are piecemealing the disposition of the records.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that his only question is if we got clearance from the courts to be able to do this.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated yes.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that this is all records and you have to keep for five years.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that we will double-check that, but we are following the guidelines on what we have done in the past.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he has questions on Building Standards records and we are looking at 2008 invoices for safety inspections and 2006 and 2007 for rental licenses and 2005 rental licenses, 2000 - 2004 rental license billing, and the destruction years are from 2011 - 2015. Yes, these are rather old records. He asked Mayor O'Connell when we look at Building Standard we are talking about rental license billing. Do we have if there were violations from a particular property owner, is that maintain in their file separate from the files that we are destroying and can he assume the same for tax records. He asked if everything in the records that should have been preserved are already preserved. Since it is such a large group of records being destroyed I want to make sure of that.

Mr. Hartzell stated that whatever that can meet the criteria of what would be removed. We adhere to that.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 29679

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to Committee with public comment prior to referral) : NONE**

[15-2410](#)

Bill 40

Renaming a portion of the South 4th Street Ramp from Union Street to Martin Luther King Drive, along the West side of South Fourth Street to Parkettes Lane.

**Attachments:** [Bill 40 Parkettes Lane](#)  
[Parkettes Plan](#)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-2398](#) Bill 41  
Amending the 2018 General Fund and the 2018 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Six Hundred Sixty-Six (\$666.00) Dollars. This was a result of payment for tree damage caused by an auto accident on Hanover Avenue in 2016.

**Attachments:** [Bill 41 HANOVER AVENUE TREE REPLACEMENT](#)  
[HANOVER AVENUE TREE REPLACEMENT BACKUP](#)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-2403](#) Bill 42  
Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand Six Hundred Sixty (\$10,660) Dollars from the Women's 5K Classic to the City of Allentown to promote breast and cervical cancer screening in the Lehigh Valley.

**Attachments:** [Bill 42 Womens 5K Donation](#)

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-2399](#) Bill 43  
Amending the 2018 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500) Dollars from the Iron Pigs Charities to the City to assist with the completion of the Dog and Skate Parks.

**Attachments:** [Bill 43 Iron Pigs Donation for Skate Park](#)

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-2420](#) Bill 44 CEDC, Recommended Favorably 2-1  
Amending Part Seventeen, Building and Housing, Title Five – Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code, Article 1759.99, Fees/Penalties Section for Rental Unit Licensing by updating the date which the fee will be due and increasing the amount due after the due date from One Hundred (\$100) Dollars to One Hundred Twenty-Five (\$125) Dollars.

**Attachments:** [Bill 44 Rental Unit Licensing](#)

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[15-2428](#) Bill 45

Amending the 2018 Solid Waste Fund Budget and Stormwater Fund Budget for a total combined supplemental appropriation of Thirty-three Thousand Nine Hundred Eleven Dollars and Twenty cents (\$33,911.20) as a result of a grant from the County of Lehigh and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the Zika Pilot Program.

Attachments: [Bill 45 ZIKA GRANT](#)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Candida Affa stated that on the issue with Mr. Whitney and Ms. Shelby I would like to make a statement. On what she said on young people coming to the city, they came from out west and love the city and this is what we are looking for. We are looking for young people to come in here and are willing to put their heart, soul, and money to building a better Allentown. I know them and I went to their property. I took pictures and looked at it and listened to their concerns and I have to agree with them as far as we can't make it this difficult time after time when people come into this city and we have a historic area. You buy a home there and you know what you have to do, but if you are on Hamilton Street and you have a business and you want to be on Turner Street and you want to open a grocery store, these are things that we need to address that when these people come in here in this town we can't make it difficult for them about a paint job. She stated that Mr. Robinson and I are in contact with both of them and decided that we want this committee and we need this committee. We need to have them feel comfortable here. They did their due diligence. They researched everything and my comment is, let's make it easier for people coming into our city and make a living and not give them a hard time about a paint job.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he supports what Ms. Affa said. He stated that he said it many times on the dais. He talked about customer service.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was well spoken and they were very passionate.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that they have support on Council and he knows Mr. Robinson will make sure it is taken care of.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that there is a concern that with all the development going on in the city, we lost some of our history. There has been a lot of complaints that we have not done enough to protect other parts of our history. We have to be aware of the fact that our historic

districts are very important and they add to our character and could be an economic development engine for the city. Issues in which people assume that historic preservation is just the taste police makes that mission that much harder and that much difficult. We do need to address this issue. The committee will hold hearings and the administration will participate and we will try to come to some type of equitable solution.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he agrees.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this Saturday from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Hamilton Street between Sixth and Ninth Streets they have the classic cars custom show. At 7:45 PM those cars are going to drive out to the Ritz Barbeque where in the olden days that's where they laid the rubber down and had malts and milkshakes.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that we are not going to be here before this event happens, but on July 29th there is the Puerto Rican Day Parade. It will be a Flag Raising Ceremony and then we will be marching down Jordan Park.

**ADJOURNED: 8:20 PM**