



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### Public Works Committee

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Wednesday, August 1, 2018

4:45 PM

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#### Roll Call: Chairperson Zucal, Hendricks, Robinson

[15-2410](#)

Bill 40 Public Works, this evening  
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](#)

[Ordinance #15465](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from his colleagues.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked if this will change anyone's mailing address since this is such a small section.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated no. None whatsoever.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from the public or the administration.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Parkettes celebrated their 50th Anniversary a couple of weeks ago and Mr. Zucal and I went to the Open House and Mr. Zucal gave a Proclamation he had for City Council. I was invited to the dinner for the 50th Anniversary and the Parkettes and Allentown go hand and hand. It was a great celebration. It was a great reunion and it goes to show you how much pride that these adults went through the Parkettes system. It was very touching. It was a good celebration.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that we are known worldwide because of them.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated as a former alumnus of Central Junior High School he had the pleasure of attending classing with the very first members of the Parkettes. They are certainly most deserving of this and it is a great way to honor them.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Carol Parks was a Principal at Central Junior High School and Donna Strauss was in college and graduated from college and began a health and physical education teacher. They had nowhere to practice so they practiced in a church and somebody's lawn and Symphony Hall and finally they went to Carol Parks then they built Trexler Junior High School and Carol Parks said you can use the gym anytime you want and they were very appreciative and they had to share the gym with the basketball coach. When it was time to name what their gymnastics group was going to be they name it the Parkettes after Carol J. Parks. It was quite a tribute. Carol Parks was a wonderful man and his son Dick Parks was there that night. It was a family reunion.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he thought for a minute that Daryl was going to say he was a Parkettes.

**A motion was made by Courtney Robinson, seconded by Daryl Hendricks, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Ed Zucal, Daryl Hendricks and Courtney Robinson

Enactment No: 15465

[15-2398](#)

Bill 41 Public Works, this evening  
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](#)  
[Ordinance #15466](#)

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is taking the funding that was provided from the accident that we were reimbursed from the insurance company and going back and replacing the trees and the island on Hanover Avenue.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any questions from his colleagues or the public.

**A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks, seconded by Courtney Robinson, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Ed Zucal, Daryl Hendricks and Courtney Robinson

Enactment No: 15466

[15-2428](#)

Bill 45 Public Works, this evening  
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](#)  
[Ordinance #15469](#)

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that the Zika Grant is a Pass Through Grant that was in cooperation with the DEP and the Lehigh County. The grant provides funding for the education for residents, treatment of areas of standing water, mosquitoes surveillance, monitoring the clean up and also of mosquitoes breathing areas. The city is reimburse 100 percent for any staff and supplies used in the activity up to the grant amount.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any questions from my colleagues.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked about the reimbursement grant. Is this for money that we already expended or in the process of expending? Why the split between Solid Waste and Stormwater? He asked for a quick example of what this entails. He asked if we are testing to see if there are mosquitoes in those areas or if the mosquitoes themselves are infected with the virus.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is in the process of expending right now. Some of the activities will be taking care of in clean up areas where we have tires. More so with recycling and then there will be areas where our stormwater crew actually goes out and as they clean the inlets they will be putting the different putts in between areas. It is actually a joint activity between those two department. He stated that it is testing areas where they know they do have problems. Actually going out and collecting them, testing them and seeing if there are any problems with them and then a clean up. It is for testing, trying to get rid of them and clean up in those areas. It is to test to see if they have the Zika.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that they take the mosquitoes samples and they get frozen and get sent in and they look at them for Zika, West Nile, and a number of other rare arbovirus and they report back. We do have positive Nest Nile already. The DEP is spraying as a result. This is helping them target their spray based on the species of mosquitoes with the disease.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that we are working in concert with the DEP and the county to make this program more affective.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Lou Hershman asked about the mosquitoes and if there were any labor costs. He asked if the city had to pay the people to check on the

mosquitoes. He asked if you would pay labor in Account 07.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that there is mileage reimbursement, training and professional development, repairs, maintenance and supplies. He stated that is an o2 Account.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that we didn't have to allocate that. This money came to us. The salary is already on the line in the Budget.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that we are already checking.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from the public or the administration.

Mr. Roger MacLean thanked Mayor O'Connell on the history of the Parkettes and how it was named.

**A motion was made by Courtney Robinson, seconded by Daryl Hendricks, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Ed Zucal, Daryl Hendricks and Courtney Robinson

Enactment No: 15469

**Adjourned: 4:56 PM**