



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Councilperson Affa

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Excused: 1 - Roger MacLean

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. Raquel Nova, 109 N. 11th Street, stated he submitted something to Council a couple weeks ago regarding the 65th Infantry Regiment "The Borinqueneers" which went to the Korean war. Most of the unit was out of Puerto Rico and most were Puerto Ricans. He stated 25 came from Pennsylvania. The closest one was from Philadelphia. The 65th was the only unit or last unit to do a full battalion bandit call charge during the Korean War. In 1913, it was the first unit to fire the first shot during World War I. He wanted to know if there could be a street in Allentown named for this group of men. They have been forgotten. He stated that he would like to see if it is a street in Allentown where we can dedicate in their honor. He suggested Seventh and Tilghman Streets.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that they are both state highways. There is no way that can actually be done.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that keep in mind that any street that has houses facing them creates issues of changing someone's address. We have to think outside the box in some areas. Along with the Parkettes that was something that was just a shoot off from a street. No addresses no change to anything with the United States Post Office.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated give your address to the Clerk and he will call you with a meeting with you, Mr. Messinger, myself and anyone on Council.

Ms. Candida Affa asked is there anyone else for Courtney of the Floor.

Mr. Donald Senderowitz, 2750 Chew Street, stated that Dan Farrell is with me and I am here as a representative with the Allentown Housing Authority. He stated that he has been on the Authority for many years and never questioned any of the appointments or reappointments. After the last situation, I felt I had to say something. On behalf of the Board of Commission, we respectfully request that City Council reconsider the appointment of Alan Jennings to the Board of Commissioners. He read a letter from the Allentown Housing Authority. (Letter Attached To Meeting Minutes)

Mr. Dan Farrell, 1339 W. Allen Street, stated that Mr. Senderowitz represents the board, but he represents the staff. On behalf of the staff, I appreciate our appreciation for Alan's work and how he helped us do our job better in representing our residents and the service we provide. It is always good to have the challenge from the board to make us think how we are going to do things and improve what we do. It is really valuable to us to continue.

Mr. Alan Jennings, 2128 Pennsylvania Street, stated that he has been smeared and he feels that it is time for him to stand and speak for himself since he has spent his life fighting for others. He finds himself having to defend his honor, credibility, and his integrity. The first time in his life he had to do this. He stated that James Whitney and Shelby Edwards have been doing everything they can to discredit my work. They claim to have been rejected for a facade grant and are so upset about it that they spent the last couple of weeks doing everything they can to undermined my reputation. They did do something right. They caught the fact that we made a mistake on our 990 IRS Form. We are a \$25 million organization with 100 employees. We do everything from weatherize homes every year to dressing up Seventh Street, distribute 900 pounds of food to 200 nonprofits, to rescuing people from foreclosure. We busted a fraud conspiracy that ripped off 200 families of minorities and low income families in Center City Allentown 10 years. It talked about predatory lending. The accusations have been outrageous and slanderous. If I weren't a public figure, I would be suing them. We did take their accusations seriously. We have a staff committee that is reviewing all our internal functions. We have a board committee that is scrutinizing our work. He stated that he voluntarily called the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and invited them to look at what they are doing. We are intending to go to the IRS and ask if we have done anything wrong. Have we ever lied or misled you. These two have. They claimed that we took millions of dollars of funding from the city. They say that I have a conflict of interest for being on the Allentown Housing Authority board of directors. There is no conflict of interest. They say that we have giving multiple grants to individual, we have not. They say that one of the

people are not in the target area in the Upside Neighborhood, they are. They said we gave grants from people over income, that's true. That include them. They are over income. When someone is over income we require that they provide a match. We are incentivizing people to invest in their city and their property. Tom Mueller completed a review and submitted it to DCED saying there was no wrong-doing. They called their work an audit like it was some type of official work that they've done. He stated that he has served the city selflessly and his accomplishments have been chronicled for 38 years. James Whitney and Shelby Edwards have done for this community is try to rip it apart. We have done 150 facades for the city. Don't you think something would have turned up before this. We have done 250 Lehigh Valley wide. Seventh Street has gotten four awards from the state. Peter Lewnes has been named top manager. We have an award for top improvements, awards for the top anchor building, and for the best organization. DCED's review is tainted because the department said we were one of the best. They made that claim. Everybody that has come into contact with these two individuals that I have talk to, everyone including many people in this room have said that they are a pain, they are not credible, you want to get them out of here, they are trouble and yet you didn't reappoint me to the Housing Authority because you accept their claims over mine. I have a shred of pride and that is not okay. I have served you as well as I can. I think I deserve better than what I have gotten here. We have a lot to do. In the next few weeks we are going to start a \$1 million housing rehab effort for this city. We are going to bring money from outside the city to complement those funds. This is a distraction and unnecessary. It is an outrage and the next time they come up here you should tell them they are not welcome. For those of you who voted for my reappointment, I appreciate that. Those of you that didn't, I don't understand why. I wish you would have given me an opportunity to address whatever your issues were that let you to do that. I consider this city my home. I love this place. I put everything I got into it. Give me a break, please.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any other comments from the public.

Mr. Howard Cohen, 230 N. Ott Street, stated that his issue has to do with a letter that was sent to Traffic Planning and Control, to the Superintendent, and the Maintenance Supervisor. It has to deal with a traffic issue on the Ott Street Expressway. The lack of response from city employees. I sent an email on August 4th and got no response. I resent the email on August 20th and got no response. He stated that it is disgraceful that you can write a very detailed letter and get absolute zero response.

Ms. Candida Affa asked who did he send the letters to again.

Mr. Howard Cohen stated that he sent the letters to Nelson Varughese and copied Curtis Zander.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that he would like to know the information and what the issue is and check with IT that there was actually the email sent to us. He asked for the information and stated that he is in charge of that department.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he knows Mr. Cohen lives on Ott Street. Get that to Mr. Hanlon and we will get a response ASAP.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any other comments for Courtesy of the Floor.

Ms. Erin Keller, 1934 W. Tilghman Street, stated that she saw bad behavior on the video. On September 5th, I saw something that extremely disturbed me. I saw a citizen and property owner in Allentown abuse one of you.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that Council does not allow personal attacks. If you express your personal opinions on an issue, but a personal attack on either us or the public we don't like that.

Ms. Erin Keller stated that she wanted to condemn what was a personal attack upon all of you. It had no place in business or the civility of the government. He should be made to apologize to this city and the board.

Mr. James Whitney, 1122 Hamilton Street, stated that he had no idea that his name would come up so much tonight. I agree with you that we should not have personal attacks. You were just requested to tell my wife and I that we are not welcome here. You were told that we were not credible. I would remind you that the facts that we brought you were just that. We were careful and checked ourselves every step of the way to remove ourselves from the emotion from the information itself that you were presented with. He stated that he had a conversation with Mr. Daryl Hendricks, Mr. Hanlon and many others of you where we have stated that we admire Mr. Jennings long commitment to fighting for the underdog and we were hurt that we felt that commitment was suspended in light of the facts that we brought. He stated they were facts based on information received directly from the city and we were waiting to have any of those facts refuted.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any other comments from the public.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that there was a request from some members of the Housing Authority. I think we should address that request as a matter of

procedure. Their request was for us to reconsider Mr. Jennings appointment to the Housing Authority.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that he did resign. It is something that we can address in the future. It will be up to him if he wants to be reinstated.

Approval of Minutes:

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Roger MacLean

[15-2509](#) August 15, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [August 15, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-2549](#) September 19, 2018 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [September 19, 2018 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes](#)

Old Business

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that as a result that we are not going to override Mayor O'Connell's take home policy, it goes back to the original Ordinance of 13 take home vehicles.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that it would go to the Ordinance prior to the last Council meeting.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that since there are four K-9 vehicles and Mayor O'Connell and Mr. McMahon's vehicles there are six. There will be seven available to be used. He asked would Mayor O'Connell present that list to the Public Safety Committee or would you prefer us to present to you a list of what we feel are the appropriate vehicles.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated to Mr. Kloiber that a point of order and since we are going back to the original issue we have also going back to the issue that there are 13 take home sedans. Not 13 take home vehicles.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that is correct.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked Mayor O'Connell will he provide Council with the others. The K-9 vehicles are currently sedans. It will be nine vehicles. He asked Mayor O'Connell if he wished to provide that to Council or do you prefer the Public Safety Committee suggest the nine to you.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he would suggest the Bills that are on tonight, Bills 69 and 70 should be introduced tonight and go to the

Committee of the Whole next Wednesday, October 10th for discussion.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it might be an amendment to that at that time.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any other comments for Old Business.

Communications

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

The Council President has scheduled a Special meeting on October 10th at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers to review Bills 69 and 70, which will be introduced this evening.

Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 24th.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Robinson, Guridy, Affa

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting has not been scheduled.

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

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting has not been scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Robinson, MacLean

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for October 17th, time to be determined.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Affa, Zucal

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting has not been scheduled.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Hendricks, Robinson

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for October 17th, time to be determined.

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 the Bank Reconciliation for the month of June. It took about 88 days to make it to the Controller's office. It is an improvement. July is just about ready and it will come in at 75 days. If they can keep up the pace it will be 45 days in no time. There was one minor finding. There were checks that were void that was not on the ARP which is the bank check list. He stated 15 checks totalling \$29,500, another

check for \$11,022, and another one for \$875. The recommendation is to provide a proper bank audit trail. Voids should be posted on the bank's void list on a timely basis. The administration agrees and is currently putting a process in place to correct that. I expect at the next meeting I will have one or two additional audits to report to Council and to the public.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that you all should have received the Adventure Allentown. It is out and fantastic. It is the Fall and Winter Edition that is now available. Adventure Allentown is a gigantic undertaking for all of us. It has received a number of publication awards over the years since its inception in 2008. Recreation Events Coordinator Christy Alvord puts the package together. He talked about the horrific incident that happened on Saturday evening with the car explosion. It is amazing that our first responders secured the massive scene and assisted in the investigation. We cannot underestimate the way the things work out because of the table top exercises and mock drills the city goes through. The Police Fire, and EMS Command Staff and members of the department of the whole should be commended for the way that they gathered resources to assist investigators and residents in the impacted area. I would like to thank the law enforcement agencies: local, state, federal and emergency services agencies that responded to the scene along with the American Red Cross. It was a horrific incident. It was horrible. To lose a two year old is the worst nightmare that a parent can have. My heart goes out to the family. Our first responders, we had an Operational Meeting yesterday. Thank you to the first responders is not enough. We thank our first responders and our residents. We have an obligation, our first priority, our top priority is to make sure our residents are safe. With our police department, our fire department, our EMS department we are safe because of the fine men and women that serve on those departments. He commended Public Works and the Health Bureau who were out there the whole weekend. He stated that an hour or two ago he received a call from Pat Toomey's office that we have been awarded \$150,000 Department of Justice Grant for body cameras. He thanked Bettina McClure, our Grant Writer and the police department. He thanked City Council for their commitment to safety priority number one.

APPOINTMENTS:

[15-2573](#) Wendy Escarfullery Human Relations Commission 10/25/2019

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Human Relations Commission - Wendy Escarfullery](#)
[Resolution #29711](#)

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

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29711

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On): NONE

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-2555](#)

R115

Authorizes encroachment for trash and recycling bins at Turner & 6th, Turner & 7th, Turner & 8th, Tilghman & 6th and Turner between 6th and 8th

Attachments: [R115 Encroachment](#)

[Trash Bin Specs](#)

[Encroachment App bins Turner Tilghman Sts](#)

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that there are 13 locations where Upside Allentown has funded the actual bins to be placed at these areas. These are some areas where we had some issues where trash was thrown around into the street and we saw there was a need for it. Our Recycling Department will replace those in. This is to make sure that the encroachment we are doing at these locations are documented.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from my colleagues.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated in looking in these are there recycling and trash in these receptacles. How frequently are they going to be emptied. is there a reason why we went with these as opposed to the solar bellies. He spoke about the attempt to educate the public through the Recycling and Solid Waste Facebook page concerning mixing trash with recycling in the single stream. He asked about how much trash is getting into the recycling receptible would ruin it.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that these are on the routes where we go with the other solar bellies. They will be monitored in the beginning to see what type of trash removal is necessary for it. These will probably be emptied once or twice a week. These are less expensive and they fit in with the candor with the neighborhood as far as how they look. the solar bellies are great, but they are very large and we try to keep those at areas where there is heavy trash. The amount of trash is about nine percent contamination. We are trying to educate a little bit more. The trash doesn't necessary contaminate to the point where it can't be used.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any other comments from Council or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29712

[15-2563](#)

R116

Requests the State House and Senate implement the Fair Funding Formula

Sponsors: Mr. Robinson, Affa, Mr. Zucal, Mota, Guridy and Administration

Attachments: [R116 Education Funding](#)
[Resolution #29713](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated to Mr. Robinson you are sponsoring this and if he had any comments.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that this Resolution and the two that follow it are a result of a meeting that we had with the Allentown Coalition of Economic Dignity back in July. There was a request with many other issues that were discussed at the meeting that Resolutions are put forward calling for state action for three areas that would directly impact the citizens of Allentown, the Allentown School District, and the government of Allentown. One is the implementation of the Fair Funding Formula. This Resolution is calling on enacting the State House and Senate to make the funding formulate affect all education dollars.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that being an educator for 38 years, the Fair Funding Formula is needed. Our kids get short changed and has to be more equitable from the state level.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he co-sponsored it with the rest of Council and his first question was is our taxes are going to be increased and it is not. This is just reassigning the funding.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any other comments from Council or the public.

Ms. Jessica Banky, 1230 Minesite Road - Allentown Coalition for Economic Dignity and the Five Co-Sponsors (The Women's March, SEIU, Make the Road, Planned Parenthood and POWER Lehigh Valley), thanked Council and that Allentown seeks to gain \$80.6 million of expansion of the Fair Funding Formula.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29713

[15-2562](#)

R117

Recommends the State House and Senate Adopt Representative Patty Kim's HB1520 of 2017 raising the minimum wage incrementally to \$15 by 2024

Sponsors: Mr. Robinson, Affa, Mota, Mr. Zucal, Guridy and Administration

Attachments: [R117 Min Wage](#)
[Resolution #29714](#)

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that this came from the meeting we had back in July. This will call for an incremental raise. Currently, Pennsylvania has the lowest minimum wage of any of the surrounding states around us. At least 50 cents less per hour and that one of the largest companies in the country Amazon, has publicly stated that they was raising all wages to \$15 an hour minimum as starting salaries. They are doing that immediately. They are able to make this work because of their volume. By doing this over the course of several years this will not only make it better for workers and easier on small business to have incremental raises in the minimum wage. The administration is a co-sponsor on this.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any other comments from Council or the public.

Ms. Phyllis Alexander, 127 S. 13th Street, stated that similar to the previous speaker she too thank Council for bringing this to the floor for a vote. Mr. Robinson, thank you for your framing of this particular vote. I completely agree with everything you said. In my observation, people with more financial stability and when you have a city that has a critical mass of people with financial stability that has a positive impact with respect to safety. That also contributes to a decrease in crime, in my observation.

Mr. Michael Kaminski, 779 Benton Street, stated Mr. Robinson brought up the point with Amazon that they are paying the \$15 wages as part of doing the right thing. Part of it is market demand as dictating for Amazon to do that. Amazon recognized that they need to attract a high quality workforce. The reason why they are doing that at \$10 - \$11 an hour they are just not getting the qualified people that they need. We are not looking at our young people. Corporate America even if you like them or hate them has a lot of smart people. I was at a McDonald's in the middle of the state and they have three kiosks going with the electronic ordering. They manage to six people's order with one person. The minimum wage has a doubled edge sword. You need to be able to pay young people to have jobs and they are

learning people skills and to interact with others. The minimum wage is long overdue in the state of Pennsylvania. I think there might be better solutions. Let's raise it to something that is competitive now and let's index it every two years. We are lacking with our young people with employment. We should not support this, but respectfully, I ask to petition the state for something a little bit more of an equitable solution. Maybe a full-time minimum wage for a 40 hour work week, but then your part-time employees get something a little bit less. We have to find a better solution.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he absolutely agrees with Mr. Kaminski on one point that the minimum wage should be indexed to the Consumer Price Index so that way we don't run into this. We create a COLA similar to what we do with Social Security and what a lot of companies do with employees for pay raises. I do ask that you pass this Resolution because unfortunately there is a common misnomer when it comes to the minimum wage that has been created over the years. The minimum wage was first created and its intention was a base salary for people just entering the workforce and that is not the intention. When you talk to the vast majority of economists and you will find that they state that the minimum wage has to be raised. The minimum wage has actually lost buying power over the last 40 years.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any other comments from the public.

Ms. Erin Keller, 1934 W. Tilghman Street, stated that there has been wider discussion about this in other arenas, but we know that housing is becoming more expensive in the city because luxury apartments are being built here. We know that a lot of the lower income housing is sub-standard. As the luxury buildings continue to go on in the city, people who live in those slum-type houses will be pushed out. It seems unfair at a school where almost every child lives under the poverty level or close to it, receives a free lunch and goes from place to place to place because their parents can't afford rent. She stated that it is important for the striving millennials that exist in the city who continue to live in the city and don't live in the luxury housing that a leg up of \$15 per hour will be more help for them than a lot of things.

Mr. James Whitney, 1122 Hamilton Street, stated that in Seattle we enacted a \$15 an hour minimum wage. At the time that the \$15 an hour minimum wage went into effect I was a manager at a large thrift store. I didn't have a college degree. Most of my peers and friends worked at Microsoft, Facebook, Amazon Corporate, amazing jobs. I was always on the outside of that because I didn't have a college degree and still don't have a college degree, but I did have the ability to look people in the eye and give them an amazing customer service and that helped me excel in

retail. When I would hire young people I would teach them to look someone in the eye and smile and I would see their lives blossom in really incredible ways. When the \$15 per hour minimum wage was enacted, what we found was that all of a sudden someone coming from a low income position in Seattle was competing with people that were willing to drive from Everett or Bothell or a neighboring city where the minimum wage was lower and come in and take those jobs. It is true, \$15 per hour would change a lot of lives. When I started making \$14 per hour, it changed my life. We have to be careful as that minimum wage kicks in we have to protect the most vulnerable population.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he will reluctantly vote yes. He stated that he appreciates Mr. Kaminski and Mr. Whitney's comments. He stated that his biggest concern is young people and getting their first job. What I do like about it is the time element. Obviously, with inflation it would become a more realistic amount at that time.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29714

[15-2561](#)

R118

Recommends the State House and Senate Implement Paid Family and Medical Leave

Sponsors: Mr. Robinson, Affa, Mr. Zucal, Mota, Guridy and Administration

Attachments: [R118 Family Medical Leave](#)
[Resolution #29715](#)

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that the impetus around this Resolution is that currently we have a situation in which unless an employer totally guarantees paid sick leave which unfortunately it is becoming rarer and rarer. Most people have to take unpaid leave if they are sick. Hardworking people who don't have the protection is really at a disadvantage. Not everyone has an employer that offers them an AFLAC program. Not everyone makes enough money to get something like that. You run into a situation where good hardworking people get put out because of an illness. For me that is not something that I find to be acceptable in 2018. This will be calling on the state to enact legislation to do this and we will be doing it by the information that was sent to us by the Coalition of the research they have done and what they are advocating for along with others would be a payroll tax deduction for eligible workers. He asked his colleagues to support this. This is a necessary debate that needs to be had in the

Commonwealth and this is a step towards having that debate and coming up with a workable solution for Pennsylvania. The administration has been a sponsor in this as well.

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

Ms. Rachel Coe, 1612 Chew Street - Allentown Coalition for Economic Dignity, thanked Council for taking this up. The US is the only developed country in the world that doesn't guarantee the right to paid sick leave. The research also shows that low wage, latinx and part-time workers are particularly vulnerable when it comes to paid sick leave. For example, less than a third of workers earning \$19,000 or less per year have access to paid sick leave, compared to more than 80 percent of workers earning \$65,000 or more per year. One of the main concerns around this, is the cost to companies. Studies have actually shown that access to paid sick leave is good for businesses when workers can stay home when they are sick and when their kids are sick they are not infecting customers or fellow employees.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any other comments.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29715

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to Committee with public comment prior to referral)

[15-2569](#)

Bill 65

Amending the 2018 Capital Fund Budget by transferring Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$2,837.81) from completed Capital Projects including Keck Park Improvements, Jackson Street Community Park Development, WPA Structures and Jordan Park Playground to Capital Project 1905 City-wide Parks and Playgrounds for the repair to the wall in Trexler Park at the Springhouse Cabin.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 65 Trexler Park Transfer](#)

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

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated just a point of order for the administration. We have two different numbers here written out \$2,837 and Mr. Hanlon said \$208. I just want to confirm that we are looking at \$2,800.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated \$2,000.

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

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-2570](#)

Bill 66

Amending the Business Regulation and Taxation Code of the Codified Ordinances by adding Article 401.02, Processing Fees for Returned Checks; setting the fee at Forty (\$40) Dollars and Eighty (\$80) for each subsequent returned check during any eighteen (18) month period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 66 Return Check Fee](#)
[Return Check Study](#)

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

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

[15-2574](#)

Bill 67

Amending the 2018 Solid Waste Fund Budget by transferring Seventy-Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six (\$74,666) Dollars from the Unappropriated Balance for services provided by the Lehigh County Humane Society during 2017.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 67 2017 Humane Society](#)
[Humane Society 2017 Invoice](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-2575](#)

Bill 68

Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Four Thousand Twenty-Five (\$4,025) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of the Attorney General to the City of Allentown to be used to purchase one set of antennae and ten individually programmed radio transmitters bracelets for Project LifeSaver Clients.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 68 Life Saver Grant](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-2571](#)

Bill 69

Amending the Civil Service Board Rules for Police Officers by allowing the application fee to be refunded to the applicant only if the applicant provides the Human Resources Department with written verification that he or she is a member of the military and due to the performance of a duty in the military is unable to participate in an examination or test provided the verification is received by the Human Resources Department prior to the administration of the examination or test; correcting the spelling of "Marshal;" changing the minimum requirement for Fire Marshal from 7 years to 5 years; and adding a new policy governing the experience required for the position of Captain - an applicant for the position of Captain shall have a minimum of five years of experience as a Sergeant in his or her respective grade in the Allentown Police Department and twelve (12) years of service with the Allentown Police Department.

Sponsors: Affa, Mr. Robinson, Mota and MacLean

Attachments: [Bill 69 Civil Service Rules](#)

[Amendment to Civil Service Rules](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

[15-2572](#)

Bill 70 Committee of Whole, Forwarded Favorably

Amending Article 121.05 City Registered Vehicles, by changing the word sedan to the word vehicles in two places; granting the Mayor authority to designate exceptions to the marked vehicle requirement; changing the number of vehicles permitted to be taken home from 13 to 30; providing for the appropriate marking of fire vehicles; requiring appropriate compliance with IRS regulations; deleting section C. 4, that states vehicles can not be taken home if you are simply on call; requiring a report to be submitted at budget time detailing the cost of the city fleet rather than placing the costs in a fund; and making other clarifications.

Sponsors: Administration, Affa, MacLean, Mota and Mr. Robinson

Attachments: [Bill 70 Vehicle Policy](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):
NONE**

NEW BUSINESS: NONE**GOOD AND WELFARE**

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that on the 7th is the Historic House Tour.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that it is great. Her apartment upstairs at the bar was on the tour years ago and on that day it rained. There were 500 people. She asked if there are any comments from the public.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that in addition to all the agencies that the Mayor mentioned, we have to thank the Health Bureau employees who were tasked with helping out at the Eastside Youth Center for displaced residents. He stated that he received a phone call on Sunday from a local blog administrator who just commented and oftentimes very negative about the city had nothing but praised for the public safety agencies. He thought they did a fantastic job. It really did my heart good coming from this person. It shows that we have some of the best and most committed employees. We did a fantastic job and a very difficult situation.

ADJOURNED: 8:15 PM