



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Councilperson Guridy

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. Don Ringer, 1801 Liberty Street, asked Council to make a change to the Food Truck Ordinance. What is the length that a food truck has to be away from a business right now?

Mr. Julio Guridy stated a couple of feet, about 20 feet.

Mr. Don Ringer stated that if a food truck is on private property adjacent to a restaurant they can still operate that truck. He asked Council to amend that Ordinance. You have a situation on Tilghman Street that is 50 feet away from a building.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated let's see what the ordinance says.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated he talked to Mr. Lightner and there is an attempt to look at updating the food truck ordinance and make some changes. If a food trucked is park without moving, they should be treated as a brick and mortar.

Mr. Don Ringer stated that there are four on Tilghman Street that are not moving.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he agrees with Mr. Ringer. They talked about it before. Public property is one thing and private is another. The ordinance needs to be rewritten. It will be explored.

Mr. Ken Laudenslager, 721 W. Cumberland Street - Fairview Crime Watch, asked about garbage pickup. On the Southside on Friday night

pickup was not complete. Garbage was not picked up and sat until Tuesday. It is totally unacceptable.

Mr. Roger MacLean agreed and stated that it is like that every holiday.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that they did receive concerns on it and it is being looked at. He stated that his understanding is that they can only do 13 hours, but they were coming back the very next day.

Mr. Ken Laudenslager stated not that night.

Mr. Daryl Hendrick stated that in his neighborhood they did not pick it up, but picked it up the following night.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked why they had 100 tons more. Is the economy better?

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that the kids got 20 presents instead of 10 presents this year. It was a good year up until a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager, 1840 Pennsylvania Street - Allentown Tenant Association, asked about the streaming service. Why aren't all public meeting not public? Why the city doesn't use it to the fullest? When it comes to appointments, do you look at how it produce to make sure they are giving their all to the city. He asked about the State of the City address. Shouldn't the residents of the city be able to see it? He suggested to have two meetings.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that the city would look at Granicus. The State of the City address is in the Home Rule Charter. He stated that he is giving it on Friday. It is a Chamber Event. He will be willing to work with City Council and Mr. Hanlon to give it in Chambers.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she is investigating the streaming process, especially the Budget. We have RCN and Service Electric and she turned on the TV and saw Emmaus High School Board. She wants the citizens to turn on the TV and see the budget.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that years ago they explored Service Electric and never got it to stream. Some people on Council were against it. We have the possibility to do it.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. James Whitney, 924 Walnut Street, stated that in Allentown we care

about our historic buildings and heard information about the Post Office. He asked for an update of the Allentown State Hospital. The Allentown State Hospital will be a character in the movie. What we are doing about managing its sale and if we want to preserve it.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that we don't own that property.

Mr. James Whitney stated that there are a lot that we don't own, but does the city have an opinion.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he read in the paper that someone put an offer on it.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that it is state owned property. He thinks there are a lot of things to save the central administration building. To make sure Allentown Preservation League can salvage as much as possible to preserve the historical artifacts. He stated that he has concerns about the demolition and the health issues. There is some moving parts. It is not a done deal. The state has two ways to convey property, one is by the highest possible bidder, to an individual bidder for a set price based on usage. When the state passed the enabling legislation, they chose to go the second route. They will pick an individual developer, but the sale would be contingent on usage. That is the decision that they made. Any other offers will require the state to go back to the drawing table which if an appropriate offer comes in that would be a good idea to potentially consider. At the end of the day, right now the Department of General Services is driving the train and he is hopeful that they will be forthright with the public as they move forward on what the environmental concerns are and why there is a need for remediation of a great deal of the property and hopefully we can stave off demolition of the main administration building. We need to be very aware of the facts.

Mr. James Whitney asked if the city had a position on tax incentives going to be given to the person acquiring the property.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that has not been addressed. He stated that no one floated a proposal for that.

Mr. Matthew Marks, Government Affairs Director for the Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors, talked about the property tax increase and how it would impact home ownership in the city. He thanked them for their dialogue. He stated that he emailed Council and the Mayor and did receive a response from them and appreciates that. He spoke about the tax increase and how it would impact the city, small business owners, seniors, families living paycheck to paycheck and the city's most vulnerable citizens that are on

fixed incomes that will all struggle to pay this increase. Homeowners will have less disposable income to stimulate the local economy and landlords will pass this increase to their tenants. This tax increase will hurt homeowners and investments and will impact affordable housing for all citizens in Allentown. He stated that he understands the city has services and staff that must be funded, however, he asked them to reconsider this property tax increase. He stated that he looks forward to working with City Council and the Mayor on this and hopes a solution can be found soon.

Mr. Lou Hershman asked if the Agenda Item is under Courtney of the Floor.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated no. He asked if there were any other comments for Courtney of the Floor.

Election of Officers

Election of Vice-President: Candida Affa, Julio Guridy

Election of President: Roger MacLean, Daryl Hendricks

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that the Solicitor's office informed him that this election needs to be for the president. This is for the office of President of Council. By lottery, Mr. MacLean won so Council will vote on him first.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated on the election of the Vice President, again by lottery, Ms. Affa won.

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Election of Officers

Attachments: [VP - Affa](#)
[VP - Guridy](#)
[Pres - MacLean](#)
[Pres - Hendricks](#)

Yes: 4 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, and Ed Zucal

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Agenda Item: Pursuant to Section 1010 of the Home Rule Charter, Citizen's Right to Place an Item on the City Council Agenda, a petition was filed with the Clerk which was deemed sufficient to place the following item on tonight's agenda.

The Mayor shall reopen the budget and work with City Council to reduce the budget and tax rate.

We will entertain discussion on the item following council rules: three minutes to an individual and five minutes for someone that will be speaking for a group that is present in place of everyone in the group restating the same interests.

Mr. Lou Hershman congratulated Mr. MacLean on his reelection. He thanked Council for putting it on the Agenda. The petition is signed by the voters of Allentown. It reads that the Mayor shall reopen the budget and work with City Council to reduce the budget and the tax rate. After the Mayor introduced his budget and The Morning Call and other news organizations said that the budget included a 27 percent tax increase, voters that he met afterwards said that it was impossible for them to believe this is happening in Allentown and this Mayor would do this to us. He stated to them if you have any problems, you come to City Council and ask the Mayor to answer your questions. Hearing the voters he also said that he heard that a nonresident city employee happy that they got a raise and helps her to pay her mortgage. He heard from a homeowner in Allentown who told him that she no doubt will lose her home and does not know where to move because of the high tax increases will no doubt affect where she moves. She can't afford her mortgage, her electric, her food, utilities, clothing and other things. How can she find another place. In fact, she said her place might be foreclosed. At the budget meeting it was mentioned that the city would receive a grant to feed the hungry youth at schools in Allentown and another grant with city residents. These people need to be helped and be fed are residents in neighborhoods where we have some neighbors with 60 - 70 percent live in poverty or families file the Earned Income Tax during tax time. The City of Allentown was number one with people that filed their tax returns out of 110 cities that get the Earned Income Tax Return. He stated that he remembers when someone brought it to the attention of City Council. A former Councilmember said even in tough times, you and I have to balance our budget. The City of Allentown can not do the same. He submitted the petition on behalf of the voters of Allentown. We can not afford the 27 percent tax increase and the voters that signed the petition told you so and he hopes Council recommends by a favorable vote that the Mayor reopens the budget.

Mr. Roger MacLean thanked Mr. Hershman and stated that it was a question that was asked and answered.

Ms. Rebecca Kiss, 28 S. Burke Street, stated that Mayor O'Connell told all

the people of Allentown that when LCA started the water hike that you would take of it for us and that's been lost and still in the courts and then you turned around and raised the taxes 27 percent. She stated that she got a new job at work last year and got a decent raise and all the money she is making now is going towards her taxes and the water increase. The Council did a very good job trying to work with you. She stated that you need to work together. She stated that the 27 percent taxes are crazy on top of the water fees, stormwater fees, and all of these things. She urged the Mayor to work with Council.

Mr. David Melman, 1050 N. 9th Street, stated that he is a lifelong resident of the city and operated his law firm on 16th and Walnut Street. With full understanding of the \$6 million deficit, the city is having a difficult time obtaining a long-term loan and he knows how hard it is on everybody and with nothing, but respect for the Mayor and City Council doing the best they can in a really tough time he urged that the Mayor considers reopening the budget discussion simply for the purpose of having a full forensic accounting done line by line on every single departments budget. It is not justifiable to the city's taxpayers through no fault of their own are in the position that we are in now that a 27 percent tax hike without a fully transparent audit of the city's budget being done first and then once you could go line by line to see where the waste is and what could be saved then you can justify a tax hike. Maybe the tax hike doesn't have to be 27 percent. It could be a lower amount. He congratulated Jeff Glazier of doing the line by line analysis on Parks and Recreation. That needs to be done for every single budget in the city. Then he thinks that the city can justify an increase.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that he looked at every department over the course of the budget so it wasn't just Parks and Recreation.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that the city had budget hearings in every department and around the table people had many questions, comments and concerns. He stated that was addressed.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he was appreciative of what Mr. Glazier did for the Budget process this year. It made it easier.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Mr. Glazier is going to be sitting at the table next year when we have our department budget meetings and he will give his suggestions as we go forward rather than a day or two before. He stated that he will wait until the speakers are done, but he will wait and will have a comment then. We would want the Solicitor to weight in also.

Mr. Sean LaSalle, Realtor, stated that he is against the 27 percent tax

increase. He stated that the landlords, sellers and people that live in Allentown are against the tax increase. The overall real estate market snapshot of what's happening. We know that we are in a very real estate market, but it is important for us to know that Allentown is in the best real estate market its ever been in. That is good for the city. That is good for the local economy in the city. That's good for businesses coming to the city. That's good for new home owners coming to the city which all produces tax revenue. That is simple economics. The concern is that nothing that the City of Allentown has done or none of you guys have done is that we are starting to see in the micro markets and macro markets the real estate markets are changing. You may not hear about it now, but you will in six months or 12 months. We are not going into a recession or housing bubble that it about to burst or crash like 2008, but we are going to see a change in the real estate market. Any tax increase means that they have to pass that along to their tenants. Making it more expensive to live in the City of Allentown. The City of Allentown has a lot of great things going on right now. Hamilton and all the redevelopment that is happening in the last few years is awesome. It is bringing tourism here and bringing people to live here. We all know that, but the littlest amount of increase, the 27 percent can severely impact that. That is what Matt Marks was trying to convey earlier. It can severely impact someone's ability to live in the City of Allentown. When we have people moving out instead of moving in, it happens.

Ms. Ericka Bickford stated that her concern is that the cause of the 30 percent tax raise is going to do to tenants. We are going to have more people that are homeless and living on the streets because they can't afford the 30 percent raise in the rent. We will have more seniors living on the streets because they can't afford to pay the 30 percent tax rate increase on their property. When we met 30 years ago we were open to everything. It is not good for the community. We have a problem downtown on shortages. You are going to have people living on the streets. You are going to have families living on the streets because they can't afford to pay the new rent hike that their landlords are going to impose on them. We need to reopen and put a vote to the public.

Mr. James Whitney stated that middle class families had to make cutbacks that aren't such a big deal. Our lives are still pretty awesome. He stated that he and Shelby's life are certifiably awesome. We have pain in our lives, but it is manageable. We are a one car family and now we are a one cell phone family because it just got to be too expensive. One thing that made it more expensive was the tax increase. The school tax increase last year we were like we can't afford this. One of the reasons why we can't afford it is because the properties we invested in aren't becoming worth more money. We tried to sell our house on Sixth and Oak Streets. We

tried to refinance it first and it appraised at \$59,500. We said it has to be a mistake. We are right by a billion dollar investment. We had to sell our property and we listed it for \$80,000 because we know we take care of this property. We got two offers right off the bat, right away. The appraisal came in low and we had to sell it for less. We need to as a city add policies to get the property values up. The people that bought our houses is a first time homeowner who is coming out of government assistance. We owe it to her to get the property values up in our city. Now, with this tax increase, Shelby and I have Sophia's Choice. Our Hulu, our Netflix, and HBO now. We have to choose which one to cancel. He stated that he can't cancel HBO now.

Ms. Candida Affa asked Mr. Whitney he they sold the place on Oak. She asked if they made a profit on it.

Mr. James Whitney stated that they sold for less than they wanted. He stated that they received a full price offer, but the appraisal came in low. He stated that they made a profit.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that you bought it for \$59,000. Do you want to tell us what you sold it for?

Mr. James Whitney stated that we bought it for \$56,000 and put our hearts in it for a year and sold it for \$74,000.

Ms. Candida Affa stated to Mr. Whitney that is incredible. You were just stating that the prices were going down. Nothing is worth this, but you made a profit on that piece of property on Oak Street. How long did you have it?

Mr. James Whitney stated one year. These properties at some point should be reassessed. This is two blocks away from downtown. This property is two blocks away from downtown. We made a healthy profit. We poured our hearts into house, but we could not sell it for what it was actually worth because there are no comps in the areas to support selling a house for that much. Don't be too impressed selling a house for less than \$80,000 two blocks away from a billion dollars of investment. Two blocks away from Tower 6. It is not a matter of paying more in taxes. It's about raising revenue.

Mr. Don Ringer, Allentown, congratulated Council. He stated that he swore the Mayor said to him that he was going to present his budget to Council and Council was going to make all the cuts. You made the cuts and Ray vetoed the cuts. Can someone explain that to me? We are hurting the poor and seniors on what we are doing. He asked Mayor O'Connell to

reopen the budget.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker stated most the things were said about reopening the budget. They are all true. It should have been reopened. They should have went after the expenditures. He talked about healthcare costs. Reduction in outside consultant costs. Contract reuse, can we do it inside cheaper?

Mr. Ed Zucal thanked Mr. Hershman to come before Council and the Mayor on the Petition and the citizens that came to speak. He stated that the Mayor can reopen the budget, but can't change the tax rate.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that the Solicitor's office has opined on this issue and based on their research under the Home Rule Charter there are no rules or provisions providing any authority to the Council or the Mayor to reopen a closed budget.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked Mayor O'Connell is there anything that he or his cabinet can do to try to make any kind of cuts to give a tax relief next month.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that we cannot change the tax rate.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated a tax credit by some cuts.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that he thinks the question is targeted by expenditures.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that once the tax rate is adopted and it was adopted. It is submitted to the state Community and Economic Development to the statistic database. Review section 808 about revenue reduction and budget reduction. The tax rate cannot be changed by Council or him.

Mr. Juan Camacho agreed with the Mayor's assessment.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that you are not changing the tax rate, but the are savings, cuts and less spending. He asked if low income homeowner get a tax credit.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it is a legal issue.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that it is not a legal issue. Whether or not if there could be an expenditure change that can affect some sort of savings onto the city or the citizens.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that there have been discussions Mr.

Hershman asking if veterans can get tax breaks. If you start picking and choosing a class that would be some legal ramifications. We will look at revenue and expenditures and see what the Early Intervention Program suggestions that come. We are in bad shape. This city is in bad shape.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Hershman for restarting the discussion. When we were going through the budget process we discussed these things. He wished the Real Estate Association would have been here during that period to make some changes and lower the tax increase. We offered a lot of cuts. He suggested residents to come to City Council.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that there people are here tonight and it is like your are scolding them.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she wants to respond to Mr. Guridy on cutting expenses. Tonight, we had a meeting about Community Policing. Mr. Guridy was asking for substation on high crime areas. The problem is we don't have enough Police Officers to sit in substation and patrol at the same time. We have a grant. We need 223 to 228 to get the grant. There is more crime in center city. She talked about asking Mr. Messinger about Public Works and roads in the city. We want more police officers. We need these taxes. She stated that this is the reason she believes in the budget.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks talked about the Early Intervention Program and hoped it will be out by the end of the month. We want to get it back early enough so that it would impact our budgeting for next year. As much as he would like to reopen the budget, it can't be done. We can look at how to increase revenues without raising taxes.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she does agree with Ms. Affa, but if we keep raising taxes, people are going to be moving out of our city. Our citizens are hurting and we are dealing with a poor community. A person with a fixed income, it is a big deal. She agreed with Mr. Guridy that not a lot of people in the community thought that 27 percent increase was going to happen. The poor, senior citizens and the middle class is suffering.

Mr. Lou Hershman stated that the Mayor and Mr. Camacho are wrong. You can give a tax credit. You can cut the taxes and reopen the budget.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that we received a legal opinion.

Mr. Matthew Marks stated that he is the immediate past president for Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors and wants to say that any time municipalities, townships and cities use their sources all the time if it has to

do with housing.

Mr. Patrick Palmer, 617 Allen Street, stated that he deals a lot with the homeless, less fortunate and insurance for elderly. Some of the things that were stated some people feel that their voices are being heard. You stated that you did not raise taxes in 15 years. How long did you think you were going to go without raising taxes. That is a detriment to the city. This is a band-aid over a problem that you caused.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he did go out and talk to people and heard a lot of people. I asked for a lower tax increase.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she went out in the community and many radio stations with Mr. Guridy.

Approval of Minutes:

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

[15-2725](#) January 2, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [January 2, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Old Business

Communications

Proclamation for Michael Surrell, Sr.

Mr. Michael Surrell thanked the Mayor and Council and stated that he loves the city of Allentown. He stated that this is his first Council meeting. He stated that he proud to be a citizen of Allentown. City Government is not easy. He stated that Ms. Affa poured her heart to him. He thanked them and stated that he was overwhelmed.

Ms. Candida Affa to Mr. Surrell you have one from City Council. She stated that there is a real live hero in this room. She stated that she is so proud to have meet him.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota**

The Committee has not met since the last meeting; the next meeting will take place on January 23rd at 6:30 PM.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Robinson, Guridy, Affa

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting will take place on January 30th at 6 PM.

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for January 23rd at 5:30 PM.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Robinson, MacLean

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Affa, Zucal

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; no future meetings are scheduled.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Hendricks, Robinson

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; no future meetings are scheduled.

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; no future meetings are scheduled.

Controllers Report

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that there were no reports at the last meeting. He will give them four reports. He talked about the Pension Funds and the summary of the cash flows. They did a physical inventory to the Golf Course. Introduce the first P-Card (Purchase) report from November. Invoices that did not have identifiable numbers. He talked about the Accounts Payable Weekly Check Review.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked about the 25 invoices that were submitted late and late charges.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that 99 percent were not charged late charges. There were four invoices and not a lot of money.

Administration Report

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he had no report.

APPOINTMENTS:

[15-2721](#) Nelson Diaz - Reappointment to ANIZDA
Nelson A. Diaz ANIZDA 01/01/2024

Attachments: [Nelson Diaz - Reappointment to ANIZDA](#)
[Resolution #29751](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he knows Nelson Diaz and he has been on the board since the initiation of the board. He has a lot of properties in the city and makes sure our city does well. He encouraged his colleagues to vote for Mr. Diaz unanimously.

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

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

Enactment No: 29751

[15-2722](#) Thomas J. Shaughnessy - Reappointment to ACIDA
Thomas J. Shaughnessy ACIDA 01/01/2024

Attachments: [Thomas J. Shaughnessy - Reappointment to ACIDA](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he has known Mr. Shaughnessy for a very long time. He is a very wonderful man and a good developer. He recommended his colleagues to support him unanimously.'

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he knows him also.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that they all know him.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-2728](#) R5 Police Officer Appointment

Attachments: [R5 Police Officer Appointment](#)
[Resolution #29753](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Mr. Edward Elam is 44 years of age and lives in Easton. Law Enforcement Officer for the Federal Reserve for New York for eight years. Bachelor Degree from Caldwell University.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked any comments from the public.

Mr. James Whitney thanked Mr. Elam for coming and making our city a safer place. He has a degree in mathematics. We love our cops and thank you for keeping us safe. Thank you for serving.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it will make 214 with that person.

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

Enactment No: 29753

[15-2730](#)

R6

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:
224 N 9th Street and 1501 Linden Street

Attachments: [R6 HARB Approvals](#)
[224 N 9th St Final Review](#)
[1501 Linden St Final Review](#)
[Resolution #29754](#)

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that these are Certificates of Appropriateness for 224 N. 9th Street to install a fiber cement siding on the building as a commercial mixed use building and 1501 Linden Street to install wood tongue and groove porch flooring. Both are in compliance with the Historic District Guidelines.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any 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: 29754

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

[15-2723](#)

Bill 2 Refer to Public Works

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to the City of Allentown for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for LED

street lighting system along American Parkway from Union Street to Bradford Street. This bill reflects the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF-DCED) grant reimbursement - the overall total amount of \$482,000 (phase 1 at \$232,000 and phase 2 at \$250,000) for the American Parkway Lighting project. The total estimated cost for this project will be \$697,000; this total amount includes the City's match amount of \$213,085 for phase 1 and 2.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 2 Multimodal Grant - Am Parkway](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-2724](#)

Bill 3 Refer to Public Works

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to the City of Allentown for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for the Center City streetlights and ADA Ramp Installation Project. Total engineered cost estimate is \$357,145, with a 30% project match requirement on grant funds. The City has committed \$107,145 in CDBG funding to supplement the State award and complete the project. The project will provide funding for streetscape improvements (street lights, ADA ramps) on Gordon Street, between 6th and 7th Streets. This includes the replacement of 13 streetlights and installation of 8 ADA ramps.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [BILL 3 Multimodal Grant - Gordon Street](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-2727](#)

Bill 4

Amending the Zoning Map by rezoning parcels at 1216, 1224, 1228 and 1236 South Meadow Street from R-ML Residential Medium Low Density to B-3 Highway Business.

Attachments: [Bill 4 Rezoning](#)
[Bill 4 Exhibit A](#)
[ACPC recommendation \(Rezoning\)](#)
[REZONING - ACPC Minutes](#)
[Rezoning Labels for 1216, 1224, 1228 and 1236 South Meadow Street](#)
[Receipt from the Lehigh County Law Department for Rezoning of Meadow Street from RML to B3](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Bill 4 Amending Zoning Map to Rezone Parcels at 1216, 1224, 1228, and 1236 South Meadow Street R-ML to B-3](#)

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

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-2729](#)

Bill 5

Providing for the vacation of a portion of South Jute Street from the centerline of Juniata Street in a Northerly direction 215' more or less to the South Jute Street limit within the subject block in the Sixteenth Ward of the City of Allentown.

Attachments: [Bill 5 South Jute Street from the centerline of Juniata Street](#)
[South Jute Street from the centerline of Juniata Street - Staff Report](#)
[Letter from Douglas Stewart regarding Vacation of South Jute Street from the center line of Juniata Street North 215 Feet](#)
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission - Street Vacation Request - South Jute Street from Juniata Street to Susquehanna Street](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding South Jute from Juniata Street to Susquehanna Street - Street Vacation Petition](#)
[Rezoning Labels for 1216, 1224, 1228 and 1236 South Meadow Street](#)
[Staff Report - Meadow, 4th, Susquehanna and Juniata Streets](#)

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

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

[15-2731](#)

R7 CEDC, forwarded favorably
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Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it will be at the next Community and Economic Development meeting. He asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 8:37 PM