

CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 19

RESOLUTION

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Introduced by City Council on March 6, 2019

Requests the Secretary of General Services hold a public forum in East Allentown, to listen to the concerns of the residents and explain the process that the Department of General Services is using to determine the disposition of the structures on the property. Also, this forum should discuss that if demolition is the final decision, what will be the impact on the East Side of Allentown and the time frame for demolition.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, residents of Allentown would like to see the Commonwealth do everything within its power to save the historically and culturally significant portions of the property from demolition; and

WHEREAS, if the Commonwealth chooses to move ahead with demolition there will be a significant impact on the residents of East Allentown.

WHEREAS, since the property was self-contained there are significant concerns about environmental issues. Any demolition project could have serious impacts on the air quality and environmental safety of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, with the Tilghman St Bridge closed for repairs traffic is already very congested on Hanover Ave and Airport Rd, any significant demolition project will have a major impact on the traffic in East Allentown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby request the Secretary of General Services hold a public forum in East Allentown, to listen to the concerns of the residents of Allentown and to explain the process that the Department of General Services is using to determine the disposition of the structures on the property. Also, this forum should discuss that if demolition is the final decision, what will be the impact on the East Side of Allentown and the time frame of demolition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT to Curt Topper, Secretary of General Services, Tom Wolf, Governor of Pennsylvania, Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman, State Representative Peter Schweyer, State Representative Mike Schlossberg and Senator Patrick M. Browne.