



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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Invocation: Councilperson Affa

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

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

Excused: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Ms. Milagros Canales, 509 N. Chew Street, stated that this is her son Rocco. Rocco is an entrepreneur. He has his own company and featured in the newspaper and local news. He requests. A program at Resurrected Life Church. He got a donation on a sewing machine.

Rocco thanked City Council. He proposed a sewing class for boys. At the end of the six weeks, it will be a fashion show and a sewing circle or quilting.

Mr. Roger Maclean stated that Council looks forward to the follow up Report.

Mr. Patrick Palmer, 617 Allen Street, thanked Council. There are still kids and we are raising these kids. He stated that he is there for the Allentown Human Relations Commission. They are trying to revamp the Commission and make it better. He wants to have pencils and pens with the Commission's name. He asked about the budget for the Human Relations Commission. He asked for the Human Relations Commission to be placed back into the budget to spread awareness.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it was not pushed up. There is nothing concrete.

Ms. Inga Williams stated that she has been on the Human Relations Commission since 2017 and was the Treasurer/Secretary and they have gone through a number of transition. She stated that they would love Council's support.

Mr. Patrick Palmer stated that the meetings are the first Thursday of the month.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked about the budget and what are they looking for. He asked for a proposal.

Mr. Patrick Palmer stated that there was a dinner that was used with the assistance of a budget.

Mayor Ray O'Connell thanked Patrick for the dedication for the Human Relations Commission. He stated that the city has Ismael Arcelay who is the liaison for the Human Relations Commission.

Ms. Emily Cintron, 8th Street, and Ms. Johnston Tanner, Inside Allentown with William Allen, asked about the renovations and new buildings. How do you ensure there will be affordable housing in Allentown. She asked about Inclusionary Zoning. They understand the city can't help everyone, but could you help the majority of people in Allentown.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he hopes they are helping a majority of people in Allentown. We struggle with the bad housing and how to make that better. You have to get developers on board.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they spoke about Inclusionary Zoning several years ago. He was the co-chair with Dr. McGuire and included many people in the city. It was found that Inclusionary Zoning was not a viable thing for the city at the time under the recommendation of the Community and Economic Development Department. He stated that the city has Section 8 and other programs. In terms of purchasing property is something he is looking about talking about. Some cities have lotteries to give as a down payment to buy a house.

Ms. Helen Hahn, East Highland Street, stated that she is so proud of the students. She quoted Martin Niemoller, First they came for the Socialist, I was not a Social and said nothing, then they came for the trade unionist. I was not a trade unionist and again, I said nothing. They came for the Jews and I was not a Jew . I said nothing. Finally, they came for the handicapped and put them in a church and locked the doors on the outside and set it on fire and they all died. I said nothing. Now, they came for me and there was know one left to speak for me. She talked about the city

selling water for 50 years. The city needed for money, and where to get more money is to raise fees, permits, inspections, and it still not enough. Now, the EIT tax comes in. Cedar Beach Pool debacle. How about Bonds, the and lockbox. Finally, 27 percent tax increase and the stormwater fees. She stated that she is speaking up.

Ms. Paulette Kish, 1028 E. Chew Street, talked about illegal parking. She talked about Irving Park was going to be redone. The meetings that she attending, nothing is happening. The tennis courts at Irving Park are terrible. Everything is neglected there. She talked about the garbage at the park. The parks are filthy. The parks are dirty.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that took notes and will address at the Operations Meeting.

Mayor Ray O'Connell asked if she is speaking about Andre Reed Park.

Ms. Paulette Kish stated when she called the Recreation Office they said they know it is a concern.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that the Police and the Parking Authority issue tickets daily.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he had a meeting with John Morgan from the Parking Authority yesterday. They are going to work 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, but also 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM. There is a Master Plan.

Mr. Tom Hahn stated that this goes back to question and not being able to question the NIZ zone people. He asked for a copy of the presentation so he can verify the 800 employees, where do they work and what is the salary rate.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that Mr. Hanlon will be able to connect them for the presentation. He stated that tracing that back will be tricky because some parcels were consolidated.

Approval of Minutes:

[15-2859](#)

Attachments: [March 20, 2019 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

[15-2870](#)

Attachments: [March 20, 2019 Public Hearing - Bill 4 Rezoning Meadow Street Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

[15-2878](#)

Attachments: [March 20, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

[15-2880](#)

Attachments: [April 3, 2019 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Old Business

Communications

Executive Session Announcement: City Council met with the the solicitor's office on Wednesday, April 10 and discussed current and pending litigation. Such discussions are exempt under the provisions of state law.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota

The Committee has not met since the last meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for April 24 at 6 PM – we will review the financial reports and continue our discussion on the budget process.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Robinson, Guridy, Affa

The Committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled.

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

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

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Robinson, MacLean

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting will take place on May 1 at 4:30 PM to review the city trails projects and other items the committee might use to put on the agenda.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Affa, Zucal

The Committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Hendricks, Robinson

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

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 talked about the Bank Reconciliation for the month of January. It is dated April 15th. We did 23 bank reconciliations. The total amount was \$28,669,000.00. The issue was the checks were not voided on the ARP (the list of voided checks that the bank keeps). The problem was resolved between the city's IT department and TD Banks IT department.

Administration Report

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that DCED Director, Leonard Lightner is in San Francisco for the American Planning Conference to receive an Urban Design Golf Medal for the city's downtown development and urban design. he congratulated

Community and Economic Development and the whole city of Allentown. on Saturday, April 27th, the American Red Cross holding a Sound the Alarm Event as part of the nationwide effort to reduce the amount of deaths and injuries cause by home fires. On the same day, the Health Bureau and the Police Department in partnership with the DA's office and DEA will collect medications as part of the 17th National Take Back Day. That weekend will be the St. Luke's Half Marathon and 5K. The youth run will take place Saturday afternoon.

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APPOINTMENTS:

[15-2877](#)

Lyn L. Langkamer, Reappointment Civil Service Board, 01/21/2023

Attachments: [Reappointment Lyn L. Langkamer to the Civil Service Board](#)
[Resolution #29790](#)

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

Mr. Lyn Langkamer stated that he stood before them six months ago to fulfill a term and this is the real thing. He stated that Captain Lake is a friend of his and someone who encourage him. The first six months was very interesting and very important and helpful work for the police and fire departments.

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

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29790

[15-2888](#)

Civil Service Board
Janet Keshl, Civil Service Board, 01/21/2023

Attachments: [Reappointment - Janet Keshl](#)
[Resolution #29791](#)

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

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he worked with Ms. and Mr. Keshl for many years. She has been very involved with the Police Department and all those items in the community. She is a wonderful asset to the community and a great asset to our city. He stated that he would highly recommend her.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated ditto.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29791

Ms. Janet Keshl stated that she was humbled to be asked to serve on these two committees. There were no meetings for the Disruptive Conduct. She stated that the Civil Service is very interesting and very informative. She thanked Council for having her and reappointing her.

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

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29791

[15-2882](#)

R29
Appointment of eight Police Officers

Attachments: [R29 Appointment 8 Police Officers](#)
[Resolution #29794](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any discussions by Council.

Mr. Julio Gurdy made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Ed Zucal to Suspend The Rules to introduce R29 - Appointment of eight Police Officers.

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

Excused: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29794

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council. He asked Chief Asleben and stated that it is pretty cut and dry.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked the total number.

Chief Tony Asleben stated 217.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were anybody from the city.

Chief Tony Asleben stated one.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she understands it is a pretty diverse group. Where are we with diversity.

Chief Tony Alsleben stated that three are fluent in Spanish and one is fluent in Arabic.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked how many have to go through the academy first.

Chief Tony Alsleben stated all.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked if the police department has an expectation of pending retirements in the next five months.

Chief Tony Alsleben stated that they have that expectation throughout the year. He gave kudos to Captain Lake and his investigators.

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

Mr. Edward White, 922 W. Highland Street, asked about the funding of these positions. Whether any are short-term grant funding or matching funds.

Chief Tony Alseben stated that when the department gets to 222 then there is a grant that kicks in.

Mr. Patrick Palmer, Allen Street, stated that one out of eight in Allentown. He asked if the ones that are not applying did not pass.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that the Police Department has to follow Civil Service Rules and the hiring procedures. They can apply from anywhere.

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

Excused: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29794

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-2868](#)

Bill 26

Amending Article 301, Pawnbrokers, Second Hand Dealers and Precious Metal Dealers, by eliminating the thumbprint requirement, creating a mechanism for Second Hand Dealers to seek exemption to the electronic reporting requirements and identifying specific data that participating businesses must collect/submit to the Police Department.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 26 Pawnbroker Amendment](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there was any discussion on Bill 26.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he has one question that was not brought during Public Safety. He asked Captain Lake about the businesses in secondhand can purchase someone from someone under 18. He said to changing that they must have state ID.

Captain Lake stated that they still can purchase items. They just can't sell items under 18.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that the purpose of this Bill is to obtain stolen materials that have been sold by people that stole them. It is not to prevent our youth from being taken advantage of by an unscrupulous store owner.

Mr. Roger MacLean suggested to Mr. Robinson that he wants to make an amendment to change that to 16, you can and we will vote on it.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he has amendments and asked how to make the amendment and then Council debate them.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated individually will be more effective and efficient.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Mr. Robinson how many amendments does he has.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated four amendments total.

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

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked generally on boards do they go before full committees.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that when there are Zoning changes it will go to the full Council.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if the administration is good with this. He stated to Assistant Chief Lake you are fine. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

A motion was made by Courtney Robinson, seconded by Julio Guridy, that this Ordinance be amended to Change the Second Hand Dealer Appeal process instead of going to the Public Safety Committee it will go to all of Council under Section 301.3 A Exempt Status # 5.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15534

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he seconded it to see why it is in there like that.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that they can add different things to their store.

Captain Lake stated that part of the evaluation process was that the police department was seeing crime trends.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated those that have been involved with small businesses to go through the appeal process is not simple just paying a fine or a fee. It could take a significant amount of time. He suggested to give businesses some longevity.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated should that happen this body could change that and probably be willing.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that in that particular occasion Captain Lake would have to go to each individual business every year to see if they changed their selling status.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that they have to recognize that it is not just our job to deal with police investigations and safety.

Ms. Candida Affa stated she owned a small business, but what they are talking about here is theft and crime. This just isn't a bakery or a restaurant. To tie up our police department to go into these places and make sure they

are selling the things they got exempt for is tying our police department up. The whole thing here is theft and crime and giving officers a tool to help her as a citizen. She stated that she is all for the appeals once a year.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked Captain Lakes how is the appeals process works. Does it come through you or a board. Do they call you?

Captain Lake stated that they can call. He has a ongoing dialogue with a lot of the shops.

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

A motion was made by Courtney Robinson, no second that this Ordinance be amended in both Sections where it says pawnbrokers and second-hand dealers that we eliminate the need for taking a photograph and only use the state, federal or driver's license issued documents as opposed to forcing the businesses to take a photograph.

Enactment No: 15534

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that his reasons for adding this is that he believes that it is important for Council to not make it burdensome. It is imperative to take into an account that we have a large antique business on the Southside. It is unique and important. On the weekends at Merchant's Square you will see hundreds of people wanting to shop in those antique stores. As far as Comic Books and Collectibles he believes it is important to take into consideration that we have a number of stores that sell that. He asked his colleagues to support this and add these exempt statuses to this.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Captain Lake and Chief Alsleben asked about their thoughts on secondhand records and comic books. He stated that he is against exempting antiques because there have been burglaries.

Captain Lake stated that it is difficult for them to define. He stated that the language he put in the Bill addresses the concerns of all the other stores. If Mr. Holmes wants to apply for an exemption he could do that. It is difficult for them to define antique and there are a lot of antique stores as there are a lot of collectible and some are very expensive and valuable and they are stolen.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that the problem he has is Captain Lake's job is solely what is going to be best for police. He stated that the perspective Council has is what is the best balance for the business community and for this. Business owners are concerned and looking to move their business. If we are making that there are four exempt categories and the others have to apply for an exemption through the police department. He stated that Captain Lake and Chief Alsleben will be very

liberal in their approach. It leaves far too much open to interpretation on an administrative level. He asked Captain Lake that the city received \$10,000 in stolen items. How many were records, comic books, collectibles and antiques.

Captain Lake stated that it is difficult to say what the stolen items were.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Captain Lake and Chief Alsleben if they are okay with secondhand records and comic books being exempted. He stated that he could go along with that if they feel it is okay, but not going along with antiques.

Captain Lake stated that if they begin to add these other things in there many of the shops that sell comic books sell a number of other items too. He stated that his job is to do what's best for the community and keep them safe.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he appreciates Captain Lake going beyond that.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked about record stores. He stated that he is not okay with the collectibles himself. He asked Mr. Robinson to allow the records stores to be exempted and the others to reconsider.

Captain Lake stated that he is okay with record stores.

Mr. Courtney Robinson consented to that and stated that this is a mistake and we will hear complaints about moving forward.

A motion was made by Courtney Robinson , seconded by Julio Guridy, that this Ordinance be amended in Section 301.3 under Exempt Status #3 Section A. Under .1 that to the four exempt existing business classifications that we also add three more: secondhand record stores, comic book and collectible stores, and antique stores.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Enactment No: 15534

Ms. Candida Affa asked about the second hand record store.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it is adding second hand record stores as an exempt business, not comic books, collectibles or antique stores.

Ms. Candida Affa stated antique stores, no. She stated that she just wanted clarification.

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

Mr. Tom Hahn stated that in good faith he would like someone from Council to ask the Solicitor if this would be a potential lawsuit.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that the Solicitor can say anybody and sue anybody.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated yes.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that Captain Lake has been working on this as long as he was a patrolman.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that we also can put in our input as well.

A motion was made by Julio Guridy, seconded by Candida Affa, that this Ordinance be amended to remove comic books and antique stores from that amendment only adding second hand record stores.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15534

Mr. Julio Guridy asked why it is in there like that.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated because they can add different things to their store.

Captain Lake stated that part of the evaluation process is what they are seeing in crime trends. It may be a specific item this year you don't see it showing up in burglaries, buying and selling these items, but next year we may. We want to identify items on a yearly basis.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that all that have been involved in small business going through an appeal process could take a specific amount of time. He wants them to understand that is a burden on small business owners. He stated that he is happy to add language that states as long as they still continue to sell the goods under their exemption. If they change that then they will lose that.

Captain Lake stated that the process is pretty simple.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that should that happen this body could change that.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that in that particular occasion Captain Lake would have to go by each individual every year to see if they changed their selling status or what they are selling.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she owned a small business. We are talking about crime. To tie up our Police Department to go into these places and go in a check to see if they are selling what they are exempt for. The whole thing is theft, crime and giving the officer a tool. She stated that she is for the appeals every year.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked about the appeal process. It doesn't cost them anything, right?

Captain Lake stated that he has an ongoing dialogue. He stated no.

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

A motion was made by Courtney Robinson, with no seconded by Julio Guridy, that this Ordinance be amended in delete during the calendar year in Section 301.03 Section A, #3, subsection A, subsection #2 where it currently reads Second Hand Dealers who deal in specific items other than those detailed in subsection 1 (above), may seek, via the Chief of Police or his/her designee, exempt status related to this section. Those Second Hand Dealers who are granted exempt status will not have to comply with Sections A, B, C, or D of Article 301.03, (relating to Second Hand Dealers) during that calendar year. Change from calendar year to a phase that would basically say the next five years.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Courtney Robinson

No: 5 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Excused: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15534

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that your amendment is to change to a valid state identification which means a 16 year because they will have a valid driver's license.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated instead of putting an age on it. We simply follow the rest of the Bill which states that they must have state ID. Basically, removing the 18 provision.

Captain Lake stated that they can purchase items, but they can't sell items. If youth want to sell something at a shop they should go with a parent.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that your amendment is to change it to a valid state identification. It could mean a 16 year old because he has a valid

driver's license.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated correct. Instead of putting an age on it, we simply follow the rest of the bill which state's that they must have a state ID.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there was a second.

Ms. Candida Affa asked about the ID and stated thatif they did have a driver's license at age 16.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that Captain Lake doesn't want to allow people under the age of 18 to be able to sell. He stated that he does.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that they are back to the discussion of the Bill. He asked if there were any other comments from Council or the public.

Mr. Edward White, 1922 W. Highland Street, stated that he used to sell magic as a magic dealer in the City of Allentown at conventions up and down the coast. As a small business owner he had kids come into the magic shop and conventions and they were not attended by parents. They would buy magic and sell magic that he would re-sell. This would put a small onerous burden on a magic shop. Having a form of identification or knowing who the kids is much more important than their age.

Ms. Candida Affa asked about the Comic Book stores they can be under 18 for that.

Captain Lake stated that if they are exempt.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that Comic Book Stores are not exempt unless they apply for an exemption.

Mr. Roger Maclean stated that there is no other comments from the public.

Motion made by Courtney Robinson to amend Section 301.03 Section B Subsection 1, General Requirements #1 - No second hand dealer may purchase an article of personal property from or exchange personal property with a customer who is under the age of 18 years language at the end be change to No second hand dealer may purchase an article of personal property from or exchange personal property with a customer who is not able to obtain valid state identification.

Enactment No: 15534

Yes: 5 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

No: 1 - Courtney Robinson

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15534

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):[15-2831](#)

R19

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 former state hospital property. This forum should discuss, if demolition is the final decision, what will be the impact on the East Side of Allentown and the time frame for demolition.

Sponsors: Mr. Robinson and Affa

Attachments: [R19 Public Forum on State Hospital Property](#)
[Resolution #29793](#)

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

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he was the prime sponsor. He explained his thoughts. He stated that it was widely reported and good information and bad information. The city because it is state owned property has very little control over demolition. We don't have the ability to issue demolition permits. We can bring pressure to the state to listen to the citizens of Allentown and the community at-large. Representatives from the Department of General Services should hold a meeting on east Allentown to discuss plans of the property. He asked his colleagues to support the Resolution.

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

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he would like to make a motion to have that discussion.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is a good idea to ask them to do this. He stated that he wants to be a co-sponsor because it is a great idea.

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

Ms. Brook Kemler, Marlo Street, stated that she represents 5,000 people who signed her petition in the hopes of saving Allentown State Hospital of demolition. The state of Pennsylvania is doing everything in their power to sell our history to a wrecking ball. Allentown State Hospital is an important part of American Architecture that could never be rebuilt or replaced once it is gone. She asked Council not to do what is popular with the state of Pennsylvania. Do what is right for the preservation of history and the future

of this city. She stated that the estimated cost of demolition is \$15 million to the taxpayer. The community needs to know that an estimated 93 million pounds of history will be filling our landfills.

Ms. Helen Hahn, East Highland Street, stated that she agrees with everything she said and agrees with having the meeting. We have to set it up that hundreds of people come. We have to publicize it. They have to get there. We want lots of east-siders.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he would not agree with Ms. Hahn more. As soon as we can set this up we should do exactly what you stated.

Mr. Joseph Hoffman, 761 Saint John Street, asked what contacts already been made to the Department of General Services that leads you to believe that a Resolution is the only way you can get them to do anything.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that Mr. Robinson explained it quite clearly. This is state property. We can do a Resolution and asked them for anything. The bottom line it is still up to the state.

Mr. Tom Hahn asked is it possible to start getting ordinances that pertain to that property in advance so the builder knows that this Council is serious enough that these are the rules that are being setup.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that there are rules and regulations in place. He asked Mr. Kloiber if they do additional once just to target this property we might be opening ourselves up for that lawsuit.

Ms. Marhousler, 1406 Hamilton Street, thanked Council to looking at this and thanked Mr. Robinson for introducing this. She put together a series of questions that the residents and Allentown and the residents of the state of Pennsylvania deserve to have answered. She asked several questions on demolishing the building, cleanup and environmental issues. She asked about alternative demolition. She asked what did the State Representative and Senator Brown concluded that TCA Properties was the best potential buyer. She asked if the Governor has veto power over TCA and if they have an opportunity to reach out to the Governor to discuss.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that the state established this is who we are selling it to for this price, \$2.1 or \$2.2 million, contingent on that we have to approve of their final plan of usage of the property.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that you always have an opportunity to reach out to the Governor and send those questions.

Mr. Nathan Noroff, 15th and Highland Streets, stated that they should not demolish the building. It is a great piece of history. Look at what is going on in Bethlehem with Martin Tower. They will be kicking themselves when that goes down. We are not utilizing our properties and our resources in Allentown.

Ms. Lauren Golden, Allentown Preservation League, stated that she was looking around and there are a lot of historic photos. History is a point of pride for the community. She asked if they are aware of any plans of the dispensation of the property since the closure of the Allentown State Hospital in 2010. Harrisburg and Norristown are going through the public dispensation. They had community involvement intimately. She asked for anything that Council can do to push Department of General Services (DGS).

Mr. Steve Royer, Allentown, stated that they understand that the property is owned by the state, not the city. Our city is a great city and his family has been here for four generations.

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Mr. Robert E. Smith, Jr., 1060 E. Gordon Street, thanked Mr. Robinson for the Resolution. He stated that he supports it 100 percent. The developer came to the School District looking for support. They said they will give you or sell you 10 acres of land. If we are going to develop that land we have to have community input.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29793

[15-2887](#)

R30

Authorizes encroachment for Meter Kiosk installation @ various locations

Attachments: [R30 APA Meter Kiosks](#)

[Encroachment Application Meter Kiosk Installation - various locations](#)

[Resolution #29795](#)

A motion was made by Courtney Robinson, seconded by Roger J. MacLean, that this Resolution be amended to clarify the map and the document as 735 - 721 W. Linden Street.. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29795

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that normally Ted Berger would be here. Ted Berger is now is in charge of the buildings. He introduced Kyle Sergent, the new Construction Manager.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked where the Kiosks are going to be.

Mr. Kyle Sergent stated that the kiosks are in 63 different locations.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked about this encroaching about the potentially plan kiosks in one shot.

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

? asked for a logistical question. There are existing sidewalk encroachments. She asked about pinch points on the sidewalks that limit mobility, and accessibility.

Mr. Kyle Sergent stated that they will be checked to make sure they are ADA accessible.

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

Mr. George Grazier, Allentown Parking Authority, stated that there is one correction. There is a typo. It is stated on the document 721 - 725 N. 8th Street. The diagram is correct for 735 - 721 W. Linden Street.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Mr. Hanlon to correct that to make it Linden Street instead of N. 8th Street.

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

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29795

[15-2886](#)

R31

Authorizes encroachment for permanent canopy @ 777 W Walnut St (corner of W. Maple and S. 8th Street)

Attachments: [R31 Encroachment 777 Walnut Street](#)
[Encroachment 777 Walnut Street](#)
[Resolution #29796](#)

Enactment No: 29796

Mr. Roger MacLean asked how it says 777 W. Walnut Street when it is on the corner of 8th Street.

Mr. Kyle Sergent stated that it is a canopy that goes around the corner.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it goes from Maple on 8th to 777. He asked if there were any comments from Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if it is a canopy for the new parking garage at that location.

Mr. Kyle Sergent stated yes.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29796

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[15-2885](#)

R32

Authorizes encroachment for permanent steps @ 555 W Walnut St (west side along South 6th Street)

Attachments: [R32 Encroachment 555 Walnut](#)
[Encroachment Application 555 Walnut St steps](#)
[Resolution #29797](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked for an explanation.

Mr. Kyle Sergent stated that it sets on the Sixth Street side for the Walnut Street Common Entrance.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council.
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Mr. Julio Guridy asked how much encroachment will that be to the sidewalk.

Mr. Kyle Sergent stated that the steps will be coming out 5 1/2 feet onto the sidewalk which will still leave a six foot to the sidewalk.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29797

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

[15-2884](#)

Bill 27

Amending the 2019 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Forty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$47,679.90) from the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) to be used at the Allentown Police Academy for training and operating expenses related to Act 120 classes.

Attachments: [Bill 27 MPOETC FUNDS - POLICE ACT 120 CLASSES](#)

[Ordinance #15536](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15536

[15-2883](#)

Bill 28

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Three Hundred Thousand (\$1,300,000.00) Dollars for the annual Curb and Sidewalk Construction Project number 1731.

Attachments: [Bill 28 Curb and Sidewalk Appropriation](#)

[Ordinance #15537](#)

Mr Roger MacLean asked Mr. Messinger if he was sure he wants to talk about getting \$1.3 million.

Mr. Kyle Sergent stated that this is for the annual Streets Program that Public Works does. This is the money they have to front the contractor. It is reimbursed money that comes back.

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15537

[15-2889](#)

Bill 29

Correcting Ordinance 15511, Section Two, by appropriating the correct total 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 Phase II LED street lighting system along American Parkway from Union Street to Bradford Street rather than Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand (\$232,000) which was previously approved into the 2019 Capital Fund.

Attachments: [Bill 29 ORDINANCE 15511 CORRECTION](#)

[Ordinance #15538](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15538

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

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 8:58 PM