



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Councilperson Hendricks

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

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that if anybody is here for the Maingate issue, it has been tabled. It won't be coming up on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager, Allentown Tenant Association, talked about the city encouraging a housing court. A housing court is very much needed. He stated that the DA's office keeps telling them that a theft of people's property is a civil matter. It is not a civil matter. It is stolen property. He talked about the conditions of apartments and blight issues. The five year inspection is too long. There are provisions in Act 90. The city can use that and withhold their license.

Ms. Jennifer Miklas, Operation Address the Homeless - 221 N. 7th Street, stated that they are taking care of the homeless and trying to taking them out of their conditions. She stated that Mr. Guridy has a plan to get little huts. The homeless rates have been soaring. There are over 300 students in the Allentown School District that are homeless. The Hut Program is working in Seattle.

Mr. Thomas Rodriguez, Founder- Operation Address the Homeless, stated that it has been focusing on giving people the opportunity to gain quality of life back. Some people want to be there and don't want to let go of their addiction and some people have mental illness. These little huts might not be possible, but maybe something similar can happen. There is nothing in the Lehigh Valley that helps people from the beginning to end.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that Mr. Rodriguez has been feeding the homeless for years. He stated that he has a lot of respect for him.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he had an opportunity to go there. There was cold food, warm food, clothing and coats. They had an opportunity to go over to tent city and experience that and they were welcoming. It can happen to any of us. He stated that we are very blessed. You are only a pay check or accident away from this happening. He stated that we as a city needs to do something. The huts are better than what they have now.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that Tommy's organization was one of the first organizations to be present during the fire. She thanked them and stated they worked together.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker stated that they have been working with the city's finance department. They have a few ideas for 2020. They have to do something with the Allentown Police Department's budget and technology. They came up with an idea for more revenue for the Fire Department. Every fire in the city should be charged a fee for equipment. He suggested that the city use the \$500,000 that the city gets from the Water and Sewer Lease every year to implement a meter reading facility. He asked Mr. Glazier to implement a Pension Quarterly Written Report. It has to include the PMRS System.

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

Approval of Minutes: NONE

Old Business: NONE

Communications

Pursuant to Council Rules, our office received requests from Councilperson Hendricks for office of Council President and Councilperson Guridy for office of Council Vice President. The vote on the offices will take place at the January 6th Organizational Meeting, which will start at 6 PM.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

A number of committees met this evening, future committee meetings will be scheduled after the organizational meeting and committee assignments. The organizational and swearing in will take place on January 6 at 6 PM.

Controller's Report

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that he has two Reports. One is the P-Card Review for the month of September 2019. They are currently working on October. He discussed the Account Payable Weekly Check and Wire Review from November 2 - November 29, 2019.

Administration Report

Mayor Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Roger MacLean and Mr. Courtney Robinson for their service. He stated that Mr. MacLean did an outstanding job as President of City Council. The incoming members Ce - Ce Gerlach and Joshua Siegel coming on board as Councilpersons along with Mr. Glazier and Ms. Candida Affa. He invited everyone to come for the Swearing In Ceremony.

Ms. Candida Affa congratulated Mayor O'Connell and stated that he is a great leader that will bring Allentown forward.

APPOINTMENTS:

[15-3343](#) Michele Olson - HARB Appointment - 1/3/2023

Attachments: [HARB - Michele Olson Resume](#)

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

A motion was made by Candida Affa that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 29910

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3222](#) Bill 66
Establishing Article 180B, Council of Youth, to advise the Mayor and Council on issues impacting youth.

Attachments: [Bill 66 COY](#)
[COY Proposal](#)
[COY Amendment](#)
[Ordinance #15583](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that this was an Ordinance that he introduced with unanimous support. This is something that Council has been talking about on youth and how we can help them. It is based on four principals: Love, Safety, Education, and Sustainable Employment. He stated that he went through that himself when he was in the Housing Projects in South Bethlehem. He stated that he worked after school and helped his family. Career Link can come and talk about programs for the youth. He stated that they had several meetings and the Temporary Chair and Vice Chair are Fred Montgomery and Keith Falko. Mr. Palmer is also part of it. There is going to be an amendment with 13 people.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that Council will pass the Ordinance and work with the Solicitor's office to tidy it up.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked everyone that worked on the Ordinance. Everybody that will be a member of the board would have to go through the process of the city. It has to be approved by Council. Because they are working with children they will be a little more rigorous.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that the administration is in full support of Bill 66.

Mr. Julio Guridy encouraged his fellow Council members to support this legislation unanimously.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he is confused why they will pass a law that they will fundamentally change.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they tried to get this done months ago. He stated that he decided to put it in, pass it and the amendments can come back. He stated that he thinks it is finished. It just needs an amendment.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked Mr. Adam Rosenthal is that the Solicitor's Opinion is to pass a bill that they are not going to have to be complete and fix the Bill later.

Mr. Adam Rosenthal stated that he cannot confirm or deny that.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that if this is not finished, what is the harm of finishing it before it is voted on.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it was finished, brought up, but it was not put on the agenda.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that the Solicitor did not have time to look at the amendments. They needed to be tidied up and the thought was it should go back to committee. He thought the amendments created problems, he thought it would be better to pass the bill without the amendments.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated to Mr. Guridy that it is irresponsible to pass legislation that you know is incomplete.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he doesn't think it is incomplete. It would be amended.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that it is the same thing. If the legislation is not complete, you need to make changes to it to complete it. He asked Mayor O'Connell will he appoint people to this board and have to reappoint them when Council comes forward at some point and make these changes.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he will not appoint anyone to the board until the whole Bill 66 is an entire package.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked what is the harm in sending this back to committee and doing it the right way.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that there is no harm in sending it back to committee. The harm is they put it on the agenda at the next meeting. He stated that he was told that three times and it was not put on the Agenda. He stated that he is not opposed to it. It just breaks his heart that he has to keep pushing it over and over again. He has been inviting people to come here and then you don't pass it. There is always a but for our children. He stated that he rather have all of Council vote on it, then have one person not vote on it.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that the amendment is to have the amendment brought up by the second meeting in January.

Mayor Ray O'Connell asked for a clarification. Bringing it up at the second meeting in January 15 is the package going to be done. Will the Solicitor's office have all the things that have to be questioned.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is one issue. The committee recommended instead of 12 people make it 13 and have six youth from the different schools and the others are adults.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated to vote on the amendment.

Mr. Julio Guridy wants to table it.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that it is a motion to table it. He supports this efforts and that's why he signed on as a co-sponsor of it. Over the last two years he has been exceptionally consistent in stating that this body should only vote of things when they have fully vetted them, fully prepared them, and made sure that they meet the city's legal requirement.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is not negative. We sent this to them several weeks ago and it is not ready.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that we are legislators. We have to dot the Is and cross the Ts. If we are legislators, we have to do it right.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he knows Ms. Affa is for it. Right at the meeting, it is being taken out. He stated that he was made to believe that they could put it on the agenda and vote on the amendment later.

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

Mr. Luis Perez stated that with all due respect he has been in support of this Bill. They have been at every single meeting putting it together. As adults, we can table this Bill and coe back. We have youth that will walk out of this door disappointed. They may walk out there and do drugs, pick up a gun, go join a gang, and lose all hope in us as the adults.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that is exactly what tabling this will do. It will establish a Committee of the Whole meeting to fix the amendment and have it brought back in a meeting in January. It is important, but thinks that the message is to do things right.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated for the record he was told to bring it and put it on the agenda and we can do the amendment. It was supposedly by the Solicitor.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that unfortunately there is a very bad breakdown in communication.

Mr. Adam Rosenthal stated that his understanding of the Solicitor's Opinion is that there were concerns on the amendment and ambiguity. There were concerns about the amendment that was going to be presented.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that the other concerns were that this meeting will turn into a Committee meeting because of the extensiveness. The amendment extended the appointment process.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the appointment was always done by the Mayor. He stated that he wishes would have been told by the Solicitor's office, no, don't bring it in because it is not ready.

Mr. Patrick Palmer, 617 Allen Street, stated that he has 10 students. He stated that he sent it in November 11 and at no point did someone say something was wrong with it. He asked why can't it be amended now. Based upon how long it has been, he implored Council not to table it if there is an option to amend it right now.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they usually do that. He doesn't know what is wrong.

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

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that everyone here wants this to happen. It is important to do things right.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that everybody feels the same way. The information has been in the Solicitor's office since the 11th and today is the 17th.

Mr. Adam Rosenthal stated that the Bill without the amendment he doesn't think there has been any communication that is something that can't be past. It was the amendment with the change of the membership.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that his concern is that Council passes a law that they know they are not done with.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that this is so troubling. This was supposed to be voted on tonight. The amendment was going to be dealt with later. The Solicitor's office re-drafted it to try to give it life. There were some interesting ideas proposed in it. He did not see it until two days ago. The proposals were interesting, but there was a hodgepodge put together. The email trail is pretty clear and pretty simple.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there idea was to vote on it tonight and correct the amendment later.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that his response was a good idea. This would come here, it would be voted on and dealt with and fixed at a later point.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if Council can bring it back over and pass it right now and do the amendment later.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Mr. Kloiber's explanation certainly adds a lot to it.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if one of the voting members voted to table it can rescind it.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that they will move to have it rescinded. He asked what Council does in the future as far as revisiting the amendment itself is not il-fated. It makes sense to do it that way if you proceed in putting it foward.

Mr. Julio Guiryd encouraged his fellow Council members to rescind the vote on it and then deal with the amendments later.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that he recalls seeing this yesterday and responding to it within a few minutes with the concerns he had about it.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated it was not put on the agenda until very late. He stated that he anticipated a committee meeting to discuss the amendment and then there was a push to put it on.

Mr. Roger MacLean suggested that Council move to Bill 77 and come back to Bill 66.

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

Yes: 4 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

No: 3 - Roger MacLean, Cynthia Mota, and Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 15583

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any discussions on the Motion to Reconsider the tabling of Bill 66 from Council or the public. He asked if there were any discussions on the Bill itself.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she did make the lecture about legislation and doing everything right, but when our Solicitor's comes up and tells us that this is OK, it is OK with me.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that it was also stated that the better way to do it was to send it back to committee and do it right. Since that is not going to be the option and he believes in consistency, he unfortunately has to vote no on this. He stated that he will be removing his Co-Sponsorship

of this because he doesn't believe you vote no on something that you co-sponsored. He stated that he wants to do it right and do it in a way that was responsible legislating.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that we planted the bush. Now, we have to trim it and cultivate it.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he takes exception that Mr. Robinson is saying it is irresponsible.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that we are dealing with the youth and youth are dying. Things need to be done.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it keeps the ball rolling.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that you better hurry up.

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

Ms. Kanisha Cruz, Dieruff Graduate, stated that she understands where Mr. Robinson is coming from. If Council passes this, at least they see something getting done eventually. The youth is our future.

Ms. Ana Mazacolik (sp), YouthBuild Allentown, stated that the youth needs some help. The youth needs something to hold on to. They need a future, a purpose. The youth are going to be you one day. Some of the youth are going to be sitting in the chairs you are sitting in. There are youth dying everyday. She stated that she has a child and doesn't want her to grow up in this environment at all. She wants her child to have hope, resources, and outlets.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager stated with all due respect thousands of people voted on all of you to get the job right the first time. He does not see how one month more matters.

Mr. Patrick Palmer, 617 Allen Street, stated that he appreciates Courtney and Roger for all they have done for the citizens. He stated that he can see where Courtney is coming from. He had a lot explained to him making sure that it is done right the first time. The things that were being amended he will take ownership in that. He stated that there were a lot of things he wanted to include and against his better judgement he did not.

Mr. Courtney Robinson thanked Mr. Palmer. It is really easy not to care about process when you just want to get something done. Process

matters.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that Mr. Palmer was not faulting your position. None of us fault your position.

Mr. Luis Perez stated that there were people in the room that emailed Mr. Robinson several times to have a follow up and did not get a response. If the process was done correctly, they would not be here. It is an embarrassment to our youth. He stated that he appreciates if they pass it and then fix it.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he did not write this bill. If he did, it would have been right the first time.

Ms. April Riddick stated that she is very much involved in her community. She came to Chambers to support Oath. She stated that she is an advocate in the community for children. It is bothering her that it is taking so long to get it done and it needs to be done right. She stated that she is part of a Little League and they are self-sufficient. She suggested to the public if they really want to make this happen, do it without money.

Mr. Lewis Shupe, 814 Walnut Street, stated that he has watched all matters of legislation. When you want to amend it, you do it right here in this very room.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he hears all of them and we had many legislation and find out we want to amend it.

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

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks, seconded by Candida Affa, that this Bill be Reconsidered. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Courtney Robinson

Enactment No: 15583

Bill Approved by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Courtney Robinson

Enactment No: 15583

[15-3224](#)

Bill 77

Providing for the vacation of a portion of Railroad Street from the centerline of Hamilton Street to the centerline of Court Street being located in the First Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 77 Railroad Street](#)
[Railroad Street - Street Vacation Report](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding North Railroad Street from Hamilton Street to Court Street - Street Vacation](#)
[Letter from Irene WoodWard regarding Vacation of North Railroad Street from Hamilton Street to Court Street](#)
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding North Railroad Street from Hamilton Street to Court Street](#)
[North Railroad Street from Hamilton Street to Court Street Street Vacation Petition](#)
[Ordinance #15584](#)

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

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was before the Public Works Committee and sent favorably to City Council.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments from Council on Bill 77 or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15584

[15-3285](#)

Bill 81

Providing for the vacation of a portion of the American Pkwy right-of-way described as follows: Beginning at a point located along the eastern legal right-of-way of the American Pkwy, said point being located at the American Pkwy centerline baseline station 110+01.17, offset 70.25' right; thence through the American Pkwy right-of-way along a curve to the left with a radius of 100.00', an arc length of 76.27', a chord bearing of N 49°32'05" E for an chord distance of 74.43' to a point; thence continuing through the American Pkwy right-of-way along a curve to the left with a radius of 475.00', an arc length of 20.46', a chord bearing of N 26°27'09" E for a chord distance of 20.45' to point on the lands of the City of Allentown; thence along the lands of the City of Allentown S 69°08'29" E for a distance of 17.15' to a point; thence continuing along the same along an arc curving to the right with a radius of 770.00', an arc length of 143.48', a chord bearing S 26°11'48" W for a chord distance of 143.27' to a point on the lands of the Trestle Redevelopment Partners, LP; thence along the lands of the Trestle Redevelopment Partners, LP N 17°49'28" W for a distance of 70.40' to point on the legal right-of-way of the American Pkwy; thence through the American Pkwy right-of-way N 71°23'00" E for a distance of

3.21' to the place of beginning, containing 3,849 square feet more or less, being located in the Sixth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 81 American Parkway - Street Vacation](#)
[American Parkway Street Vacation - Staff Report](#)
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding American Parkway Right-of-Way](#)
[American Parkway Street Vacation Report](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Established Eastern Legal Right-of-way American Parkway Centerline Station 110+01.17 offset 70.25 Feet Right](#)
[American Parkway Street Vacation Labels](#)
[Ordinance #15585](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was voted on favorably to send to Council.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council, the administration or the public on Bill 81.

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

Enactment No: 15585

[15-3306](#)

Bill 82

Amending Part Three, Business Regulation and Taxation Code, Title Nine – Fees, Article 395, Community and Economic Development Fees by updating Section 395.23, Health License, Operational, Inspection and Plan Review Fees by adding three new temporary food license facility fees.

Attachments: [Bill 82 Health License Fees](#)
[Ordinance #15586](#)

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that it was in his committee and forwarded favorably.

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

A motion was made by Courtney Robinson, seconded by Ed Zucal, that this Ordinance be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 15586

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: 15586

[15-3307](#)

Bill 83

Amending the 2019 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fourteen Thousand four-hundred eighty-one dollars and fifty cents (\$14,481.50) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department to purchase Ballistic armor vest with plate carrier and ballistic insert equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 83 Ballistic Vests OFSC Grant](#)

[Ordinance #15587](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it was moved to the full Council favorably.

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: 15587

[15-3308](#)

Bill 84

Amending the 2019 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two-thousand nine-hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,950) from FM Global Fire Prevention Grant for the purchase iPads and software for department Fire Marshals.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 84 iPad FM Global Grant](#)

[Ordinance #15588](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it was moved favorably to the full Council unanimously.

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: 15588

[15-3309](#)

Bill 85

Amending the 2019 General Fund Budget for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) as a result from a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program, to the Allentown Fire Department to provide the Allentown Fire Department Special Teams

with equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 85 DCED Special Team Equipment Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15589](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this was moved to the full Council favorable vote unanimously.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other 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: 15589

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3303](#)

R113

Adopts the Allentown Vision 2030 Comprehensive Plan :
www.AllentownVision2030.org/plan

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R113 Allentown Vision 2030 Comprehensive Plan](#)

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

Mr. Adrian Shanker, Bradbury Sullivan LGBT Community Center - 522 W. Maple Street, stated that they are very pleased that the city has included certain provisions in Vision 2030 that specifically address challenges in this city for the LGBT Community and other historically under-represented communities, especially certain provisions related to economic inclusivity and cultural diversity in our city. It is the first time that under-served communities are explicitly named in the city's plans. That is something to look forward to in a city that is much more diverse than it was a couple decades ago and encourage Council to adopt it.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager stated that the only thing that concerns him is the Inclusionary Zoning and the city supporting it.

Mr. Matthew Turks, 46 S. 16th Street - Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation, commended city planning staff on the development on an excellent plan for the future. It is ambitious. He stated that he was here and worked with the Allentown Economic Development Corporation on the development of the last Strategic Plan. The process this time around was very well managed by the entire staff. As a member

of the Steering Committee for the development of this plan is when you adopt this plan or should you adopt this plan it is your responsibility to hold the city administration to execute and to comply with the plan.

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

Mr. Luis Perez commended the Community and Economic Development department on this Plan. They really involved the community and got an excellent amount of feedback from the community. There were a lot of organizations that provided and offered support. It is very important that we all are included. That's how you get the buy-in from your community.

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

Mr. Daryl Hendricks commended Mr. Lightner and his staff. He stated that he was able to attend a number of the meetings that were held and got a lot of comments from people that they felt that this was really great. It was inclusivity throughout and the plans were really good.

Mr. Julio Guridy echoed what Mr. Hendricks said. The administration did a wonderful job and had a lot of input from the community. He stated that he looks forward to the Bill passing.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it brought a lot of people in the community together. People that she has not seen working together were at the meeting. It was businessmen and the committee together. She commended them for that. She stated that they had a great team.

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

Enactment No: 29911

[15-3298](#)

R114

Renaming the Ott Street Bridget the Sergeant Adele Yaniga Bridge.

Sponsors: MacLean, Mr. Zucal, Mr. Robinson and Administration

Attachments: [R114 - Bridge Renaming](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was sent favorably to the full Council.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that Sergeant Adele Yaniga was the first female Allentown Police officer, an Army veteran and died at 94, two years ago. He 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: 29912

[15-3294](#)

R115

Authorizes the City Solicitor's Office to file a petition with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to exempt a specific area of the City of Allentown, described herein, from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Boards regulations regarding amplified music being heard off the licensed premises in favor of enforcing the city's own previously adopted Noise Ordinance, Article 710, of the City of Allentown's Codified Ordinances.

Sponsors: Administration, Affa and MacLean

Attachments: [R115 File Petition with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board](#)
[ATTACHMENT A - Allentown Noise Ordinance 710](#)
[ATTACHMENT B](#)

This Resolution was tabled.

[15-3335](#)

R120

HARB Denial - 809 W Gordon Street

Attachments: [R120 HARB Denial - 809 W Gordon St](#)
[809 W Gordon St. Final Review - Denial](#)

This Resolution was tabled.

[15-3336](#)

R121

HARB Denial - 1546 Chew Street

Attachments: [R121 HARB Denial - 1546 W Chew St Resolution](#)
[1546 W Chew St Final Review - Denial](#)

This Resolution was tabled.

[15-3337](#)

R122

Certificate of Appropriateness for 508 N 6th St.

Attachments: [R122 December 2019 HARB Cases](#)
[508 N 6th St Final Review amendments to COA](#)

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

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that this is 508 N. 6th Street and this is an amendment to a fairly old Certificate of Appropriateness that was issued originally in 2013 for a project that HADC is doing. They made some minor changes to the steps and placements the the porch post. He recommended approvla.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that this is just an amendment.

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: 29913

[15-3342](#)

R123

Conveyance of Property to Waterfront A, LP

Attachments: [R123 Conveyance of Property](#)

[Exhibit B and B-1](#)

Mr. Courtney Robinson recused himself from R123. He stated that he is related to the Principals of the Waterfront A.

Mr. Roger MacLean thanked Mr. Robinson and asked if there were any comments from Council, the administration or the public.

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

Recused: 1 - Courtney Robinson

Enactment No: 29914

[15-3340](#)

R124

Cancels December 18 meeting

Attachments: [R 124 Cancels Dec 18 Meeting](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any discussions on R124. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 29915

[15-3346](#)

R125

Approves a \$15,000 Transfer from Account 000-09-0903-0001-46 (Building and Standards - funds set aside for emergency demolition work) to Account 000-09-0901-0001-46 (Planning & Zoning) for the translation of the Vision 2030 Plan into Spanish

Attachments: [R125 15,000 Transfer](#)

[Vision 2030 Translation Transfer](#)

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: 29916

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to Committee with public comment prior to referral) NONE

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that this is his last meeting as President and will be in Chambers on the 6th to watch the installation of the next people. It has been a fun experience. He decided not to run. His goal is to spend time with his grandchildren.

Mayor Ray O'Connell wished Mr. MacLean well.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he will not be at the January 6th Council meeting. He congratulated every one of them. He congratulated Mr. MacLean and Mr. Robinson on the work they have done. He stated that it was a learning experience being on Council with them and thanked them for serving the city.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that Mr. MacLean is quite a man. She stated that he was a good officer, a wonderful Chief, and very good president of Council. She stated that she appreciates everything he has done for the city and everything he has done, he has done well. She stated to Mr. Robinson that he knows how she feels about him. She always respected him and through her next four years she will be calling him for some advice. She stated that in her opinion he is a good Councilperson and will miss him.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks recognized Mr. MacLean and Mr. Robinson as his colleagues for their service. You were very dedicated and have a lot of integrity. It is a very difficult time for the city in your tenure. We were faced with a lot of challenges, but with your guidance and commitment to the task at hand. The city has been left in a better place because of their service and many things they have instituted in the last couple of years.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he is sure that it will move forward with Mr. Hendricks holding the gavel.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. MacLean for serving the city. She stated

that she will see a lot of him. He is always around and they tend to go to the same places since her husband is always traveling. This is not a goodbye. Thank you for all that you do. She stated that Mr. Robinson will be missed. You are extremely intelligent, well spoken and very passionate. She stated that they will see him again perhaps in the political arena. She wished him well.

Mr. Joseph McMahon thanked everyone for their service.

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

ADJOURNED: 8:45 PM