



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Public Comment: The meeting will be livestreamed. The link to the meeting can be found on the city website with the agenda and legislation at <https://www.allentownpa.gov>. Council will receive comments on the legislation prior to the meeting. Council will consider all comments from city residents. All comments must include name and address, including your city, and be emailed to Michael.Hanlon@AllentownPa.gov by 2 PM on the date of the meeting. Comments received from city residents by that deadline will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council members prior to the meeting and will also be noted at Courtesy of the Floor or Public Comment periods of the meeting. These timely received comments will also be posted on the City's webpage as a supporting document to the meeting. Any comments received on the meeting day, after the 2:00 pm deadline, will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council as soon as practicable.

Invocation: Councilperson Mota

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that is it.

Mayor Ray O'Connell asked Mr. Hanlon if he had an address.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated yes and gave the address. He stated that she would like for Council to consider not releasing addresses. The reason that it wasn't put on the comment is that he has gotten comments and they didn't want their addresses listed so he just forward their comments to them for their consideration.

[15-3726](#)

Comments

Attachments: [August 5 Comments](#)

Approval of Minutes:**Old Business**

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he missed this and told the person that he would mention this. It is from Mr. Ramos. He would like Council to consider about opening up Council Chambers to the public and he stated that he is working on solutions. He stated that he thinks everybody should know that we are trying to make best of a bad situation.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated so noted. We stated that Council would love to do that, but however, he doesn't think that can happen at this time. Hopefully, it can in a not so distance future. He asked if there was anything for Old Business.

Communications

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that City Council held an Executive Session on August 5, 2020 AT 5:00 pm with the City Solicitor to discuss litigation and communications with the city's liability insurance carrier. The subject matter of these discussions are an exception to the open meeting requirement under the Sunshine Law.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES:**Special Committee Meeting**

Allentown City Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 5:30 PM to discuss and vote on R85 and to discuss and vote on resolutions relating to R86. R85 is a resolution that executes an integrated agreement to resolve and settle all pending legal disputes related to the lease with the Lehigh Count Authority. R86 is a resolution that created a dialogue on policing in the community. Additional resolutions and comments related to R86 will be posted on the agenda found on the city website.

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Guridy, Mota

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for August 26 at 6 PM – the CAFR will be presented and all councilpersons are invited.

CEDC: Chair Guridy, Gerlach, Affa

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

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

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

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Gerlach, Siegel

The committee met last week; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee met this evening; we are in the process of setting up a meeting to review the draft legislation on the civilian advisory board - the draft is part of this agenda.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Hendricks, Guridy, Gerlach

We are in the process of setting up a meeting with the county on resources relating to social programs they administer.

**Administration
City Controller**

Just a Note:

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2. The forms for formal 'petitions' related to agenda items, calling for a special meeting and introducing or repealing ordinances will be posted on the city website.

[15-3720](#) Police Discussion Items

Attachments: [Draft APD Advisory Board Ordinance](#)
[Dept of Justice Report](#)
[16-0276 Certified Ordinance](#)
[Notes in progress](#)
[Dept of Justice Report](#)
[20.55.USCM .Police-Reform.Report.MEC](#)

APPOINTMENTS:**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

[15-3630](#) Bill 33
Providing for the vacation of East Ford Street from the centerline of South Carlisle Street to the centerline of South Brown Street in the Fourteenth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 33 E. Ford Street - Street Vacation](#)
[E Ford Street Report](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding E. Ford Street to Brown Street and E. 4th Street - Street Vacation](#)
[E. Ford Street to Brown Street and E. 4th Street - Street Vacation Documents](#)
[E. Ford Street from S. Carlisle Street to S. Brown Street Labels](#)
[Ordinance #15619](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was voted favorably to send it forth to the full Council. All the required documents have been secured and it is clear to

go.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments or questions from Council or from the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15619

[15-3631](#)

Bill 34

Providing for the vacation of South Ann Street from the centerline of Constitution Drive to its North terminus in the Sixteenth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 34 South Ann Street](#)

[South Ann Street from the centerline of Constitution Drive Staff Report](#)

[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding Portion of South Ann Street from Constitution Drive - Street Vacation](#)

[Letter from Irene Woodward regarding Allentown City Planning](#)

[Commission Approval of Vacation of Portion of S Ann Street from Constitution Drive](#)

[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Portion of South Ann Street from](#)

[Constitution Drive to North Terminus - Street Vacation Petition](#)

[S Ann Street Labels](#)

[Ordinance #15620](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was sent favorably and all the proper documentation has been met.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked why was it requested. What was the reason.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this is for a development for Penn Square Flats. It is required for their development.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated Penn Square Flats is a new residential development. He asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15620

[15-3632](#)

Bill 35

Providing for the vacation of South Albert Street from the centerline of East Wyoming Street to its North terminus in the Sixteenth Ward of the City of

Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 35 South Albert Street](#)

[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding South Albert Street from East Wyoming Street to North Terminus - Street Vacation](#)
[S Albert Street - Street Vacation Staff Report](#)
[South Albert Street from the centerline of East Wyoming Street Report](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding South Albert Street from East Wyoming Street to North Terminus - Street Vacation Request Petition](#)
[South Albert Street from the centerline of East Wyoming Street Labels](#)
[Ordinance #15621](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was sent favorably and all the proper paperwork and documents have been secured.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Zucal and asked if there were any further questions, comments or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15621

[15-3694](#)

Bill 52

AUTHORIZING AND SECURING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES, IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$19,200,000, PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT, TO (A) CURRENTLY REFUND ALL OR A PORTION OF THIS CITY'S (1) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A OF 2015, (2) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES B OF 2015, (3) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 2017, AND (4) GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE, SERIES OF 2009, (B) FINANCE AND/OR REIMBURSE THE COSTS OF VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND (C) PAY CAPITALIZED INTEREST, AND (D) PAY THE COSTS OF ISSUING THE NOTES; ACCEPTING A NOTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT; SETTING FORTH THE PARAMETERS, SUBSTANTIAL FORM OF AND CONDITIONS FOR ISSUING THE NOTES; PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF THIS CITY TO SECURE THE NOTES; CREATING A SINKING FUND AND APPOINTING A PAYING AGENT AND SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY; AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF THE REFUNDED OBLIGATIONS; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTION.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 52 - Final](#)

[Bill 52 2020 GO BONDS PARAMETERS REFUND AND NEW MONEY](#)

[Bill 52 Amd - ORDINANCE ALLENTOWN CITY 2020 GO BONDS PARAMETERS REFUND AND NEW MONEY \(L0888129-3xA35AE\)](#)
[Change-Pro Redline - L0888129 and L0888129](#)

[Council Summary 7.10.20](#)

[FIRST NOTICE ALLENTOWN CITY 2020 BONDS \(L0893912xA35AE\)](#)

[Bill 52 - N ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND SECURING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES LEGAL AD](#)
[ALLENTOWN 2020 NOTES SECOND NOTICE COVER LETTER \(L0896676xA35AE\)](#)
[SECOND NOTICE ALLENTOWN CITY 2020 NOTES \(L0896669xA35AE\)](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked the administration if they wanted to weigh in on it.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated as they discussed at the last meeting, the city is refinancing so they will get a savings there. The city is in a very difficult financial situation this year. Obviously, they are doing away and reducing the debt payment this year. That will save us \$2.1 million. The city is refunded itself through debt for prior expenditures that Council authorized last year. On top of that, the city is borrowing \$10 million. It is a minimum investment in the city's Capital Plan. We are moving some of the expenses further down the road so that we can get through this year financially.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that Mr. McMahon did an excellent job. Obviously, we are utilizing it to navigate these turbulent financial times. It will relieve some significant burden on our Capital expenditures and make critical investments. He stated that Mr. McMahon acknowledged last week that the city can't really push off any further because it will be even costlier in the future. Obviously, take advantage of the preferential rate of the bond market right now. It is a good decision for the city and we have talked about it at length last week and we all voted favorably to go to this meeting.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated that as of yesterday, what we need to spend on capital. We had significant damage within the parks, and within the buildings. A number of large HVAC Systems went yesterday. We flooded buildings. Now boilers have to be replaced. The bridge, the iron bridge, the Robin bridge literally the stone walls.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. McMahon and asked if there were any other questions or concerns.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that there are a couple of concerns he has. It seems

that we are taking money out of his left pocket and putting it in his right pocket because although the city is refinancing at a lower rate, the city is paying the cost of these new notes. It is like refinancing your house. We are just extending our payment. At some point in time, we are going to have to pay these.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated that on some of these refinancings, it is a net savings. There are net savings in there. If you get enough reduction in the rate in which you pay through net savings. He stated Tom, if you are on, you can probably address this better than him.

Mr. Tom Beckett stated that as Mr. McMahon said one component here of the Refunding of the 2009 Note there is a net savings. Just like refinancing your home mortgage to a lower rate, you will save money on that over time. The one piece of this refunding is not an economic savings is \$2.1 million restructuring on the October Debt Service payment on three of your outstanding issues. That will cost the city because you are expending out payment. He stated that Mr. Zucal is absolutely right, but it is essentially on today's dollar basis a \$30,000 expense. It is a couple hundred thousand dollars of nominal interest cost for a couple of years. We are not throwing the Debt Service payment all the way down the road. We are just taking it a couple of years down so we minimizing the amount of interest you are going to cost yourself on that.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated that no one would make that choice if it wasn't for the situation we are in that was impacted by the Covid. No one in their right mind financially will choose to do that if they could handle those expenses now. We are having a difficult time handling our expenses. We already reduced it.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked how much further down the road are you talking as far as expended payments.

Mr. Tom Beckett stated that they are taking the \$2. 1 million that is due in October and we are amortizing that out over the period of 2021 - 2026. The city's Debt Service drops off significantly after 2022. That gives you the ability to do that and to do the new money project as well.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated the higher Debt Services starts to drop off. By shifting it down to the point it dropped off. It will still be lower than the Debt Service we have currently and it kinds of move the burden compared to where we can better afford it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Zucal and asked if there were any other

comments.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked about the total amount that it is going to cost us to issue this Bond. He stated that he thought it was a little high and he forgot actually how much they told Council. He remembers that he felt it was a little high and he kept thinking about it and said let me ask again to find out how much it is and why it is so high. He asked if Mr. Beckett can answer it.

Mr. Tom Beckett stated that there are three components of the issuance cost. Two are clearly cost that you bear to increase the amount of the bond. The first one is the fixed cost of issuance which are payments to the attorneys, paying agent, himself and that is about \$120,000 spread across \$16.1 million which is where the financing would be sized right about now. The other piece is the underwriting discount is about \$76,000 and that is approximately \$5 per thousand. The last piece is \$136,000 which is payment to a firm called Assured Guarantee which will put its credit rating on the bond. They will stand behind and pay if the city can't. That by virtue of getting the higher credit rating of Assured Guarantee, it saves the city money. That component they will not if it didn't save money, they would not use it. You save more money in interest cost over time that you pay in the premium. That is the breakdown of the cost. The costs are really inline with where the previous financing has been and where other financings are.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked how much was it. How much was the total?

Mr. Tom Beckett stated that the total of those costs is \$330,000 give or take.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated \$330,000. Wow, to issue a bond? He stated that he feels it is a little high. He can see the \$130,000. You are still talking about still \$200,000 more that is going to cost us to issue. He doesn't remember having such a high cost when the city issued bonds. It is something that he thought was kind of out of the order of how much the city usually spends on issuing bonds as far as he can remember.

Mr. Tom Beckett stated that it is really in line with what cost you paid on your previous issues. This one is higher than the last couple of issues in the \$12 million range. One component of that cost is based on the amount of money at a variable cost versus a fixed cost. The cost are very much in line with what everyone is paying these days.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that probably the cost went up. In issuing bonds, he felt they were a little too high. He asked about the projects and stated that he knows that they are in the Capital Plan for the projects that the city will be funding. He would like to see if some of those projects and the one that

was already started. If we still have some that we need to complete and which ones are new that we are going to do. He stated that he would like to receive the list sometime soon. He stated that he has not seen it. He stated that if they could get those projects so that Council knows what they are spending the money on.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated that Ms. Baraket had that discussion with both Mr. Lightner and Mr. Messinger.

Ms. Jessica Baraket state yes, she can get them the list.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that will be great if they can get it so they can know exactly what they are spending the money on and also follow the track.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated that part of this is to pay the city back the money that was already expended on Capital Expenditures.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the city will incur some other Capital Projects because of yesterday and the closing and the bridge. He stated he thought the bridge was a county bridge. Is it a city bridge, the Iron Bridge?

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated no. The county bridge is the one they took from the stone bridge that they made into a pedestrian bridge. That was the county bridge. He stated that he would like to see those projects for Council own edification and so they can follow what was done, what was completed. How much it cost and how much we have left and the depleted funds that they have and see where they come from. Some of the ones that are from the state. Some are federal and some are local.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated that some of these funds will be used to match again and you can't get that free money unless you match it. If you give up over here then you lose the grants.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated correct. He would like to just see that list sometime soon. He thanked Ms. Baraket if she can get that for Council that will be excellent.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that she will have that for Council tomorrow.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated as Mr. Siegel said we kind of need that thing. We need to approve it and it will cost us a lot of money in which as an old finance Chair, it is better to do it now and bite the bullet because of the situation then wait for later. In the long run, we are probably saving money and it is going to cost us a little bit now. As Mr. McMahon said it is going to start lower down and pay a little bit less in a couple of years.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Guridy and asked if there were any other questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15622

[15-3661](#)

Bill 40

Amending the 2020 Federal Grants budget by creating one (1) HUD Grants CDBG Administrator (11N) and one (1) HUD Grants HOME Administrator (11N). Both positions are completely funded with Community Development Block Grant funds.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 40 Bill HUD Admin positions](#)
[HUD ADMINISTRATOR POSITIONS JD](#)
[Ordinance #15623](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated as it was discussed from the committee. We get funding from CDBG funds from HUD, HUD grants and the idea is that we will increase our funding as we increased our personnel to be more efficient for our city with community services to provide and do some audit. It was recommended unanimously to move it forward favorably.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Guridy and asked if there were any other comments questions or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15623

[15-3662](#)

Bill 41

Amending the 2020 Capital Projects Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$286,645) as a result of the annual receipt of capital improvement funds from the Trexler Trust as designated by Court Order.

Attachments: [Bill 41 Trexler Capital Appropriation](#)
[Ordinance #15624](#)

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that she has Ms. Patel who can also can explain a little more about the Trexler Trust visavis this upcoming fund, plus the next few.

Ms. Bina Patel stated that day number 41 was \$286,645 is what the Trexler Trust awarded the city a grant each year. Of that grant, the city separates them into operating expense and capital and for the tax year, their fiscal

year 2020 and 2021. Their fiscal year runs from April 1 through March 31. This is the grant the city has received and assigned to Capital Projects. The Jordan Creek Greenways Trail in the amount of \$86,645, Valania Park renovations in the amount of \$200,000. This is the total capital award money that the city has received for Trexler Trusts current year which totals \$286,645.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Patel and asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15624

[15-3663](#)

Bill 42

Amending the 2020 Trexler Fund Budget and the 2020 Capital Fund to provide for a transfer in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five (\$142,455) Dollars from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Fund to the 2020 Capital Fund Project 2206, Jordan Creek Greenways Trails to complete a vital link in the City's trail network and allow easier access to center city residents for recreational activities. Funds will also help the City meet its requirement of the Trexler Trust.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 42 Jordan Creek Greenway Trails - Trexler Capital](#)
[Ordinance #15625](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that was in her committee and it passed, 3 - 0.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it is pretty easy to understand and it is going to extend a greenway and a bike trail. He asked if there were any further questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15625

[15-3664](#)

Bill 44

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget by transferring the available balance from Capital Project 1905 – Citywide Parks and Playground Improvements, 2202 – WPA Structures and 2210 – Park Facilities Improvements to Capital Project 2206 – Jordan Creek Greenways Trails and 2213 – Valania Park Renovations in the amount of Ninety-Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five (\$96,965) Dollars to complete the Jordan Creek Greenways Trails and renovations at the Valania Park.

Attachments: [Bill 44 Jordan Creek Greenway Trails and Valania Park Renovations Projects Ordinance #15626](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she would like to say that she is excited about how Valania Park is going to look. This is a park that the community feels that it has been neglected. A lot of people in the community are just waiting for this park to be renovated. It is heavily used and our children deserve the best. She stated that she cannot wait.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he concurs with Ms. Mota's comments and agree totally. He asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is a long time coming.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15626

[15-3670](#)

Bill 46

Amending the 2020 Trexler Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five (\$110,965) Dollars from the Trexler Trust as the balance of the 2020 contribution per General Trexler's will.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 46 Trexler Additional Appropriation Ordinance #15627](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he assumes that this will go to Parks and Recreation.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was voted on favorably, 3 - 0. She thanked the family for their generosity. She stated that you can tell they really love the parks and nature.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other comments, questions or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15627

[15-3677](#)

Bill 49

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental

appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to support the construction phase of Valania Park.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 49 DCNR Valania Park Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15628](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was passed favorably, 3 - 0 and they are extremely excited.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions, comments or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15628

[15-3667](#)

Bill 45

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Six Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (\$6,614.49) from the EMS Council State EMSOF Funds to be used to further prepare for a potential resurgence of COVID-19.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 45 EMS Council Contribution](#)
[Ordinance #15629](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this is a very important fund. It is to prepare for a potential resurgence of Covid-19. It was moved favorably to Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions, comments or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15629

[15-3678](#)

Bill 48

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to purchase safety equipment for the police.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 48 Police Safety Equipment Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15630](#)

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that this is the one that you actually received negative comments on suggesting that the money should be spent for other means. That was read into the record during Courtesy of the Floor.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if it was in Ms. Affa's committee.

Ms. Candida Affa stated yes, and it was also moved favorably to Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated as he would make comments about it that it is a misconception on how this money can be spent. We either spend it or we lose it. That is important to note. For all those that made comments, he thinks it is a matter of perhaps they did not understand it.

Ms. CeCe Gerlach stated that to get to that understanding or lack of understanding. She stated that she will be voting for this grant not because she feels obligated, but more so based on what was described to Council of what is going to be purchased. She stated that was her main question. What was going to be actually purchased with this money. What was described to Council was that uniforms, mainly shirts will be purchased with these funds. There are two areas of somewhat concern. It will be the ballistic helmets and the shields. The only reason those will be concerns is because we cannot be tone deaf as to what is happening in the nation and some people are concerned about the militarization of our police force in riot gear and protest. We have at least acknowledge that some people in this community may have that concern. She stated that she has that concern as well yet, she is still going to support this because she also without being an officer, but she would also think that they may need those helmets for just for unriot situations going into dangerous and people are shooting and they may need a helmet to not get shot. If people are throwing items at them they may need a shield to protect themselves and we just have to and this is why we need to have these conversations because we need to make sure that is what they are being used for. Yes, our police needs to stay safe. They are human beings too. We just also have to ensure that it is not going to lead to further militarization of the police force. One of the items that the Chief has mentioned was a night vision goggles, but it is helpful to be able to see at night when you are out there doing your job. She stated that she gets where the community is coming from because when you look at this, it is like what a \$50,000 more for the police and stated that they thought that Council was going to look at what they were doing. She stated to her, she is separating the two. She is looking at it as a grant and there are specific items in which they got to spend the money on. She stated that she hears people saying and she gets that. Why don't they spend it on something else. She stated that she wishes they could. She wishes that they can take the \$50,000 and could put it towards training or some other community effort. She stated that she

wishes that they could. We can't so the only options that they are left with is either they take the \$50,000 and they use it for the helmets and the uniform shirts and the shields and the night vision equipment and they get that and hopes that it potentially saves a life or they don't. It is not like they can put the \$50,000, but if they could, but obviously they can't. She stated that she will be voting for this because of those reasons with the statement that she wishes that they could reallocate the \$50,000 to non-bias training or something like that, that can benefit the community more.

Mr. Joshua Siegel thanked Mr. Hendricks and wanted to make sure he had the opportunity to echo and reiterate some of the sentiments brought forward by Ms. Gerlach. He stated that he too will be supporting this \$50,000 grant. He wants to make sure that he stipulates too for public record why he thinks it is important. Obviously, they have a very tense and a very lengthy conversation over the last few weeks about not just reimagining public safety, but also coming to heads on two different perspectives that they come from. The general discontent or misunderstanding is that by attempting to reform or reimagine public safety there is some kind of notion of being anti-police or opposed to anything related to the police. He thinks ultimately no matter what role they envision there will always be a role for the police to play and that is why he thinks this grant is important because it is critical to keep the officers safe. Chief Granitz did a good job of explaining and clearing up a lot of misunderstanding. He too wishes that they can reallocate the \$50,000 elsewhere. He stated that he will be the first to agree and be cognizant of it. He stated that he actually empathize with the comments that were made. We do not spend anything to address homelessness. We don't do anything to address drug addiction and mental illness. He stated that he wishes that the money could go that way. Obviously, with the nature of the grants and the way that grants work, they have to be directed towards the enterprise to which we applied for. Even in a world where we do reimagine public safety. Even in a world where we do invest those resources elsewhere as he supports and believes they should do. There will still be a world where we need officers to respond to situations where they may encounter violence. It may be an active shooter scenario. It might be an incident where someone is throwing something at them. Those ballistic helmets will absolutely come in handy in making sure that our officers get to go home and see their families. Those are the scenarios where those helmets will come to play. Certainly with the riot shields or whatever shields those are used for that definitely speaks to the need of making sure that we have the best possible training protocols in place to know how they are going to utilize the shields. He stated that he doesn't think and he agrees with Ms. Gerlach that we cannot be tone deaf to the images that people see on television. If you see officers and the way that they respond to urban violence, they are always decked out to what looks like camouflage. They

look no different than an occupied army and we have to be cognizant of that. We can't ignore that is a very visual reality that people see and live everyday. It is important that we make sure that those helmets are in a defensive posture and they are there to keep our officers safe which they absolutely need to be there for. Be cognizant of the fact that we can't look like we are in an offensive posture or some kind of occupying force. We need to be cognizant of that. He stated that he does support this resolution and hopes that it is at the end of the day a reflection of the fact that we can work together or we can reach consensus and we can be open to conversation or open to facts and we can find commonalities and common ground and ultimately recognize that the community has not just legitimate points, but they are bringing up legitimate points and real concerns about how we should spend our money. He for one wants to see the Community and Economic Development Office focus more on Community and Economic Development, more on social services and more on improving society as a whole unless he is trying to continue to grow or continue to find grants to continue to expand the department. He stated that obviously, he believes money should be spent elsewhere. He sees no reason to throw this money out when it keeps our officers safe and having our officers look uniform. They are all the same and approachable and it is value in that too. He stated that he wants to make sure that is on the record and we cleared up and we can be seen for people that could reach conscience and come together on these issues.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he agreed with everything his colleague said with the exception that they don't spend money on addressing homelessness. We do in economic development address on the homeless. We need to do more. You are right, but we do spend some money on that. He stated that he wants to make sure that happens. We will continue working on that.

Ms. Candida Affa stated for them to correct her if she is wrong. They did state that they can't use it for anything else.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that is correct.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he would agree to Mr. Siegel. The imagine that it does portray does look offensive. There is no question about it. There is a factor in regards to safety. In the 25 years in the police department he thinks he had that on twice and he does believe that in the future with the tension that exist in the world today is going to slow down and going to resolve itself. There may not be a need for anybody to have those.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she believes in the power of love and understanding and communication. She will also vote yes, for this bill. She

stated that they all need to be safe. She knows that it could be any difficult encounters that they may have in the future. She stated that her nephews are cops. One is a cop in Fountain Hill and she loves him to death. She stated that she is not against the police. She is just against bad policemen and horrible systematic racism. She stated that she is not an anti-cop person.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that she commends the men and women of the Allentown Police Department because of their excellent training and the professionals they are and I do believe that the items that are being purchased such as ballistic helmets will be used for their safety, mainly. He stated that the city has been fortunate in the city because of the citizens we have that the protest we have been peaceful. He hopes and prays that they continue to be. He stated that he also will be voting for this. He had many opportunities where he was wearing those ballistic helmet. As a member of the emergency response team, one of the original members. There were many instances they had to have the utmost in safety. Many times they were in barricaded gunmen and situations of hostages. They are an integral part of what the police needs for their safety. He asked Mr. Hanlon if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated no, only the ones that he referred to earlier. He stated that he got two comments on Bill 48 from Brittany Gelb expressing concern about the Bill and the militarization of the American Police. He stated that he will forward Council the comment.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15630

[15-3697](#)

Bill 53

Amending Part Nine, Streets, Utilities, and Public Services Code, Title One, Street and Sidewalk Areas, of the Codified Ordinances of Allentown, Pennsylvania, by adding a new Article entitled "Small Cell Antenna".

Attachments: [Bill 53 Cell Tower](#)
[Ordinance #15631](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was passed favorably.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were anymore questions, comments or concerns. This was vetted earlier. He asked if there were any questions from the public.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated no.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15631

[15-3675](#)

Bill 50

Directing the Lehigh County Board of Elections to Place a Referendum Question Before the City of Allentown Voters on the November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot to amend the City of Allentown Home Rule Charter to Authorize and Permit the City Controller to Initiate and to Conduct all Manner of Audits, Including Performance Audits, without first being requested to do so by the Mayor or by City Council and to Permit the City Controller to have access to all types of Information, including payroll information, to conduct such audits.

Sponsors: Affa, Guridy, Hendricks, Mr. Siegel and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 50 Controller Performance Audits- With Change to Section 210](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if it was possible to add her name to this Bill.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated okay.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier thanked Mr. Hendricks and stated that he appreciates everyone's support on this legislation. This is something that the city needs to do to increase the accountability. His office is willing to accept the challenge because this will broaden the kind of audits they do and he is hopeful that when people go to vote in November or October or September or whenever they cast their ballots that they will also vote in the affirmation on this.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns by my colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

[15-3681](#)

Bill 51

Directing the Lehigh County Board of Elections to Place a Referendum Question Before the City of Allentown Voters on the November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot to amend the City of Allentown Home Rule Charter to Require Approval by City Council of all Collective Bargaining Agreements prior the Mayor executing each agreement.

Sponsors: Affa, Guridy, Hendricks, Mr. Siegel and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 51 Charter - Contract Approval](#)

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that Council has a comment from Jeremy Warmkessel.

My name is Jeremy Warmkessel. 936 Hawthorn Rd Allentown Pa 18103. President of IAFF Local 302 Allentown Firefighters. The International

Association of Fire Fighters Local 302 would like to address Bill 51 that appears on the agenda this evening directing Lehigh County Board of Elections to place a Home Rule Charter referendum on the ballot in November's election. Local 302 is of the opinion that the result of these actions will force all contract negotiations into arbitration. The Home Rule Charter is clear, and I believe the framers took into consideration how ACT 111 and all collective bargaining negotiations work. Adding City Council approval at the conclusion of the negotiation is unfair to both City and Bargaining Unit, having no knowledge of evidence or context which led to the settlement they are being presented. Additionally, Local 302 believes that any discussion held in Council will have to be conducted publicly per Pennsylvania Sunshine Laws and the Home Rule Charter. Currently the Mayor has the authority to appoint his negotiating team so a far better option would be to lobby for representation from council on the team or seek a referendum to make it happen. In conclusion the way the Council is trying to become involved will ultimately be detrimental to the negotiation process. Having a member on the team from the beginning is fairer and more productive. Local 302 nor the City should have to explain a negotiated settlement approved by both parties publicly before a final ratification from City Council (a third party) who was not involved at all. Thank You and if you have any questions feel free to call.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he listened to the letter and has a conversation with Jeremy about it. They also discussed the possibility to having a member or two on Council represent Council at the negotiation. The reason they did not do that is because he did not think that the administration wasn't too keen about allowing Council to be part of that negotiation. He always thought that the reason was because the bargaining unit did not want to have members of Council in it. He found out that it was not true at all. They actually are recommending that. He stated that he is wondering if they should make an amendment to have members of Council represent Council in the negotiations. That might be a fair way of doing it. He would like to seek the advice of the Solicitor of having members of Council participate in the negotiations. In Jeremy's point it makes sense having Council approves something that we are not a member of or have any proper negotiations that may turn out to be disastrous or detrimental as it is happening in the past or has. He is not sure if it was a member, but Council actually used to approve all contracts. We Council went to approve the police contract at that time they did not approve it and that is when the exodus of 70 police officers happened because of not having the opportunity of being part of that representation and negotiation and they went into arbitration.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that was 2004, correct. He asked Mr. Guridy if Council has a member on the negotiation team in 2004.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated if he recalls correctly, Tom Burke who was a member of Council might have been. He stated that he is not sure if he was fully involved in it.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he thought that Council had initially rejected the Contract and it went to arbitration and they awarded a more generous provision then initially.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that is not the way it happened.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated there is no way that Tom Burke had anything to do with those contracts.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated no.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that Tom Burke sat in the arbitration hearings because the city hired an attorney.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he is not going to retract that comment. He stated that he heard him and that he should not be referring to Councilmembers as full of expletive.

Mr. Joseph McMahon apologized to Mr. Guridy and stated if you know Tom Burke and what he stood for. There is no way that Tom Burke would have allowed those contracts to go through.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he knows that. He stated that is why he said he might have been. He was part of some kind of committee as that time. He was not part of the arbitration hearing.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated in his memory there were no member of City Council on the negotiations team. It went into arbitration and then Councilmembers got involved in that.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it went into arbitration and then it went to court. When it went to court it was rejected. The arbitration was rejected from Council. It said that Council had no standing. That is the way it happened. It is actually in the papers. If you dib them up, you can find them.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that the Solicitor's office has no position no way or the other on what Council does or what Council passed of what the public will do. The letter from Mr. Warmkessel raises some good points

on the happenings here, but there are some inferences to law. He read what the law is on the topic since the law is referenced. It might help with the discussions.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he agrees.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that the Sunshine Act says that an agency may hold an executive session for any of the following reasons. One of them, number 2 in the section is to hold information strategy and negotiations sections related to the negotiation or arbitration of a collective bargaining unit or in the absence of a collective bargaining agreement or in the absence of a collective bargaining agreement unit related to labor relations during arbitration. The sunshine act actually allows for Executive Sessions between the administration and Council when you are dealing with CBA negotiations. That is one of the concerns that was raised and good topic to discuss, but the Sunshine Act allows for Executive Sessions for that purpose. Act 111 was also referenced. What Act 111 allows for 30 days after the negotiations of the CBA if the CBA Agreement has been reached. If the Agreement has to be approved by the legislative body for it to become effective. There is an additional 30 day period allowed for it to happen before it could be considered an impasse. Act 111 builds in an additional 30 days from the time the Collective Bargaining Agreement has been reached, but not approved. It allows for a 30 day process for Council or the Legislative Body to weigh in. In the Whereas clauses to this particular Ordinance references some case law. At the appellate level, the gist of these cases are referenced there. Under the Third Class City Code, it is Council that the entering of Contracts are a legislative function and it is Council's determination to do that and these particular cases involves negotiations. The CBA Contracts have been negotiated, but ultimately agreed or disagreed with the negotiations and while that did lead to an arbitration, that is the process. Council, under the Third Class City Code would have that authority. Part of why we are here is because of what Councilman Guridy was mentioning of the case that was before the Common Pleas Court and the Solicitor's office has weighted in back in 2010 referencing the Common Pleas Court decision and this is a summary that was given to that by the Solicitor's office. The court and it is Allentown City Council v FOP Queens City Lodge #10 2004 Case. The court held that it was the Mayor's sole authority to negotiate and execute collective bargaining agreements on behalf of the city. The Solicitor's office weighed in on that advice nine years ago. Based upon this decision by the Common Pleas Court it is the mayor's function to negotiate. Subsequently, he does not know if Council has been involved. There is some sort of argument where under the Third Class City Code. This is and even prior to the decision that Council was involved in the process. The folks that sponsored this legislation can speak better to it, but the sense of it was to

try to get Council back into that bargaining table. The idea is that if Council is ultimately going to approve something, hopefully the Executive would include them at least in some way. The Sunshine Act allows for the Executive Session to happen for that to take place. The folks that were proposing this was the ones to perhaps to speak to that. It is an idea to give Council a spot at the table again that may have been removed from the Common Pleas Court decision that was issued several years ago.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Kloiber.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it is very helpful and the conversation that he had with Mr. Warmkessel. He did not believe those sessions will be open to the public and that was one of his major concerns. He stated that Mr. Kloiber is clearly stating they are not. They do not have to be.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that the ultimate approval of it would have to be done publicly. If Council was going to be approving it. That would be a public endeavor, but in terms of there could be discussion in terms of strategy and the CBA could be done in Executive Session throughout that process. The ultimate approval would be publicly.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked would that still hold the same if the mayor would appoint as an example the Council President to be part of the negotiations. Would it then be part of the public function.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that he does not believe it would.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that in fact if Council had no involvement it would not be open anyway to the public.

Mayor Ray O'Connell suggested that they table this until they get more information from the Solicitor's office.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Mr. Hanlon if they had a problem with time as far as the election.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that he just sent an email to Matt.

Mr. Matt Kloiber stated that he thinks if it is tabled, it is likely keeps it from being put on the ballot by this Fall.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked how long do they have, 13 weeks.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated 13 weeks before November 3.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated 13 weeks. This once is a problem that you just passed. He stated that it is 13 weeks.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that when they did them last year it was 13 weeks.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that it is a problem.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if it was a problem.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated to know there have been two interpretations. He stated 13 and 10.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the reason why they did it is because there is a negotiation coming up soon. The last negotiation Council really had no idea this was going to be negotiated with the police. It just fell on us. It also fell on the mayor as well. The last negotiation with the police contract. He stated that they really did not know it was coming to them and had no opportunity to even discussing an Executive Session.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he did not either. As the Mayor, he did not either. Either it would be an Executive Session or not which will have at least that conversation before they vote.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the people that are responsible for the purse string of the city should be able to at least know and have some kind of conversation before a contract is signed so they know what they are voting on. Postponing this may not give us that opportunity.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that with this administration, you will. We can have an Executive Session we go forward with the firefighters contract and SEIU. If you are going to do it, do it right. He agrees with Mr. Zucal. Get the verbiage right.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he just wants to make sure that they have the opportunity. If the mayor is promising they are going to get an opportunity to discuss it either being an Executive Session or otherwise, then he will be ok with tabling it. He wants to make sure that they bring that to the floor because he feels awkward voting on something that they have no idea where they are. Where it is going to be and what it is going to do to the budget coming up.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that is fair and if was sitting where he was which he was for eight years he would feel the same way and the Solicitor stated we can have Executive Sessions to bring them up to speed with

CBA.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated with all due respect which he knows there is a motion on the floor. He asked the mayor if he would be amenable to allow at least for this contract since they are running out of time to allow a member or two of Council to be on the negotiation committee.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated no.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that has been the issue all along with other Mayors as well since he has been here with the other two. He stated that he thinks and he is not pushing for it. What he is saying is that they should know before they vote what they are getting themselves into.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated with all due respect to him. Two years from now, you won't be here.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he doesn't know that.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated let's not get into politics.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that you may not be here. He stated that he still has a year and a half if he chooses to move on. You have next year for future mayors to bring it back on to the ballot.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that as Mr. Guridy pointed out there is a contract coming up that expires at the end of this year.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he thinks that the mayor agreed to having the conversation prior to, right.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated yes.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked what did the mayor say no to.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he does not want any Councilmembers involved in the negotiations right now, but they will bring Council information about the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and Executive Sessions as needed to keep you informed along the way.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they can have a candid conversation where they can tell Council and they can feel more comfortable with some of the things that they are saying to him and he can bring back. He stated don't get him wrong, that is the way it should be all along so they know what they are getting themselves into before he makes the final decision.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that they never did before.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he should not say that. They did have a conversation with the previous mayor sometimes.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated to Mr. Guridy when he becomes Mayor he can say thank goodness that never went to the ballot.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that is not what they are discussing now. He stated that he thinks Council and the Mayor should work together on contract like this.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that they are working as a team heading up by the Managing Director for SEIU and the firefighters.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that is why they deciding to approve all of the contracts and Council had contract approval earlier because they want to make sure they know what they are doing as a city and as citizens and also make sure we represent the citizens in a more educated way.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Mayor O'Connell if he would be willing to commit to make certain that Council knows as negotiations are going along at least for this year.

Mayor Ray O'Connell asked for the firefighters and SEIU with the management team. He stated that they have no objection to that. Absolutely, yes, They can hold Executive Sessions to keep them up to speed where they are at or where they need to go.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks deferred to them and stated that a motion has been made with a second by Mr. Siegel and Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked should they ask the public.

A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Joshua Siegel, that this Bill be withdrawn, tabled and looked into it at a later date or year.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3718](#)

R90

Transfer: Parks and Recreation: \$7,200 for Additional Space Is Needed to Park Maintenance - Storage Space is Being Rented from ACIDA as per C27-000077.

Attachments: [R90 \\$7,200 for Additional Space Is Needed to Park Maintenance](#)
[Transfer for Additional Space Is Needed to Park Maintenance -](#)
[Storage Space is Being Rented from ACIDA](#)
[Resolution #30023](#)

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that this is for introduction and final passage. This was not before Ms. Mota.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that in this particular instance, the Parks Department and she will ask Mr. Holtzman to address this as well. The Parks Bureau has limited space for quite a relatively long period of time. We are looking for opportunities to house various Parks Bureau vehicles. We tried a number of avenues to no end. Looking at city properties. They had a discussion with Scott Unger over at ACIDA who very kindly provided us the opportunity to visit his facility where there are two possible areas to store vehicles. One area in particular was chosen at 3100 square feet at a cost of \$600 a month.

Mr. Rick Holtzman stated that in 2012 when they lost their building at 2100 Linden Street they lost a lot of vital space that they store equipment or store their equipment. Since 2012, they have kind of been looking for space every year to store our seasonal equipment and he thinks they are all aware of the way they work. They do snow plowing, they do street clearing, they do grass cutting for the season. They have been struggling to find space to store their mowers, the leaf equipment, their equipment. It is very expensive and by keeping some it outside or in not climate controlled areas they have reduced the life of the equipment. While they were visiting the building and having a meeting with Mr. Unger, they came across this space of 3,000 square feet which in his opinion is a bargain, a steal for them to be able to store their equipment and save their equipment and continue the life expectancy of their equipment. He stated like Ms. El-Chaar said they have been searching for space in their own city buildings and just anywhere they can find it. We are not there yet. We don't have the ability to do anything. He stated that he hopes that Council will pass this. It will give them an opportunity to keep our equipment safe, sound and secure and continue the life expectancy of the equipment moving forward.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if this will be along Harrison Street.

Mr. Rick Holtzman stated yes.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he would hope that the Parks Department would not need additional space after yesterday.

Mr. Rick Holtzman stated what a mess. He talked to Joe this afternoon in

the meeting and talked to Joe last night. It is an absolute mess out there. The sun came out today and the people came out to our parks like back to business. We had a ton of work to do and now we have a ton more work to do. He stated that they will be coming back to Council at some point in time for some help because they just don't know at this point. He stated that they have a lot of damage.

Ms. Cynthia Mota urged other City Councilmembers to vote yes for this. This has been going on for quite some time. They have equipment in different places. It would be good for them to make sure that they have space where they can store all the equipment. Especially, now due to the storm. She stated like he mentioned before we don't know what kind of damage they are looking at. She stated that she would like to urge other City Councilmembers to vote yes for this.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Mota and asked if there were any other comments, questions or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Mr. Joseph McMahon asked Mr. Holtzman what will it cost to build a pole barn.

Mr. Rick Holtzman stated that a pole barn can range from anywhere from 50,000 to 200,000. To build a full blown facility that we are in dire need of. Councilmembers are not aware that the Parks Department is currently working out of a barn. Basically, the managerial restroom is a portable toilet. He stated that they are in dire need of a building and that would cost to build something like that \$1 million to \$1.5 million and that is for the life of the Parks Department moving forward. Obviously, when he is gone, there is going to be a need or a house to house all these people throughout our Parks System.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Holtzman and asked if there were any comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30023

[15-3701](#)

R91

Sewage Planning Module for Barnes Lane Subdivision - 2710 Barnes Lane

Attachments: [Barnes Lane Subdivision - Sewer Planning Module](#)
[Barnes Lane Subdivision - Sewer Planning Module \(Signature\)](#)
[R91 Barnes Lane Subdivision - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[Resolution #30024](#)

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that this is proforma.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Mr. Messinger could weigh in on this.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this is a development that seeked final plan approval from the Planning Commission. This is the last part of the process of having a sewage planning module. We have plenty of capacity for the Planning Module.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there are any questions from his colleagues.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked how would this affect the residents around Barnes Lane.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this part is to approve the part of the Sewage Planning Module. The 42 homes that are being built have been approved by the Planning Commission and it is called a By Right Plan. By Right, they have the correct zoning to build these 42 houses. It did start out with the process he believes where they were looking at putting in about 300 apartments. It was downgraded to somewhere in the vicinity of about 180 apartments. They needed zoning approval to actually have a change in the land of what process they would be able to do. That was not approved. So with that not approved they are going to build residential single homes which by right again, they are allowed to do. This is for 42 homes up into the area, but it was fully vetted by the Planning Commission and approved for Preliminary Final Plan Approval as long as they take care the list of items that is necessary and one of them is the fact of filing for the Sewage Planning Module.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that his understanding is and Mr. Hanlon can correct him if he is wrong, but Council will be having a hearing on this going forward.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated no. As Craig states this is by right.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that Mr. Hendricks is thinking of St. Elmo Street where it will be a Zoning approval. This is by right plan which again was approved by the Planning Commission.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it is sad to say, but it is a done deal. When they say it is sad, it is because she lives in the area and her neighbors are elderly and they fought for this. They did not want it. They were even thinking about putting money together or asking for someone to buy the land because they know that this will really change the dynamics of the community and the traffic. They feel that this is going to be a nightmare.

She stated that she has faith that they all are going to be okay.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions, comments or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30024

[15-3706](#)

R92

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:

229.5 N 11th Street;

235-237 N 11th Street;

240 N 10th Street;

242 N 11th Street;

236 N 10th Street;

217 N 11th Street

Attachments: [R92 COA From July 6 HARB](#)

[240 N 10th St Final Review](#)

[217 N 11th Street Final Review](#)

[229.5 N 11th St Final Review](#)

[235-237 N 11th Street Final Review](#)

[236 N 10th Street Final Review](#)

[242 N 11th Street Final Review](#)

[Resolution #30025](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30025

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

[15-3716](#)

Bill 54 Public Works, this evening

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$22,892.38) from PPL in the form of a rebate from the LED street light conversion phase one project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 54 PPL REBATE](#)

[Ordinance #15632](#)

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15632

RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):[15-3707](#)

R93 CEDC this evening

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 114 N. West Street

Attachments: [R93 DENIAL - 114 N West St Gazebo](#)[114 N West St Final Review](#)[Resolution #30030](#)REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 30030

Agenda Item Petition[15-3723](#)

Petition asking Councilpersons Zucal, Hendricks and Affa to resign

Attachments: [Agenda Item Petition - August 3, 2020 \(Verified\)](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if Council had to vote on it.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated no, it is just for discussion.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Affa and asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that Mr. Parker sent in a comment that he read earlier.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that you have the right to file a Petition, but if you are going to attack her character please get your facts straight. She stated that she is not going to sit here and defend herself on these issues. As Ms. Mota stated tonight, we all have the freedom of speech. We all have the freedom of speech. She stated that includes her. That being said, she would like to move forward and work with all of Council for the betterment of the city. Only time will tell those of them that are on Council who will be remembered for doing a good job and making a difference.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was very hard obviously to do to bring forth a Resolution is not something that he ever wanted to do to his fellow colleagues. It has nothing to do with Black Lives Matter. He stated that he

is a member of the NAACP for the past three years and very proud of it. He stated that he has no racist blood in him contrary to someone might think. He stated to Mr. Parker that he has his phone number and to call him anytime. He state that he is willing to meet with him. He stated that he will read to why he came to the reason why he had to file the Resolution. He actually kind of glad that it did not go through to be honest with them because as Ms. Mota said this needs to stop. We cannot get nothing accomplished if we cannot work together. Some of the things that he is going to read here are things that he has seen or heard in the past. He asked that they listen to what he has to say and they will know where he is coming from. To date in 2020, in the United States 27 law enforcement officers have been murdered. Seven of those law enforcement officers were murdered ambushed and killed. Doxing the mayor resulted in only being harassed, but when it comes to cops doxing can get them killed. When you combine Mr. Siegel's willingness to invade the privacy of civil servants and Ms. Gerlach's chanting we want his name. He stated that what he saw was a recipe for a deadly disaster unfolding before his eyes. He stated that he knows that it was not their intention, but the reality of the potential danger could have become very real. On July 11, the same day of the St. Luke's incident two Latino officers were ambushed and killed and McAllen, Texas. The whole country reported on what happened here in Allentown that day, but The Morning Call didn't even mention those two brave officers gunned down in Texas. It is simple. We should not scream F the Police in the streets or release Civil Servants personal information. That is the resolution that he and the other Councilmembers brought forward and sought to condemn. He found Joshua's explanation of he F'd up a little inadequate. Hundreds of people online watched Mr. Siegel engage in that dangerous behavior. Did you know this that the very next day a \$500 cash reward was offered to anyone willing to leak the name of the citizen involved in the St. Luke's incident. He stated that he thinks that anyone would agree that it is headed down a dangerous and possible lethal road. He stated in his passion he may have been harsh against Joshua and CeCe. That that he stated that he is sorry. Just as he believes that Black Lives Matter and stated that he does. He believes that George Floyd should have had the opportunity to go home on May 25. He also believes that the men and women in uniform whether that is firemen or police officers also has that right to go home. For that, he stated that he will never ever apologize.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he served this city for over 44 years as a public servant with integrity, honor and distinction. That is longer than either of the claimants have been alive. He stated that he will let his reputation speak for itself. He asked if there were any other comments, questions or concerns.

Ms. CeCe Gerlach stated at this time she does not feel that the proper place to address any of them is here. Some of them have been open to conversations. Some of them have not been. If they are open to conversation, she is more than willing to have that with him. She stated that she will not have it here publicly. She stated that they got people in this city from the west end, south side, east side, and center city who are hurting. They are in pain and she is not just talking with actions with police. She is talking with Covid, with losing jobs, not being able to put food on the table. She stated that they have real issues in the city. It was beyond disappointing to see that why we have a deadly virus going around, we have evictions piling up, we don't quite know how we are going to make it financially that they would even entertain having a Censorship due to political differences. She stated that she has a cell phone, an email. She stated that she did not get a phone call or an email from any person who sponsored this resolution. She stated that she is disappointed. She stated that she is more than willing to move forward and work with every single person here. She stated that she holds no ill-feelings. She stated that she served on the board for eight years with people that she had her fair share of disagreements with. She stated that she compartmentalized folks. She stated that she sees them as fellow Council people. They don't have to be friends or protest together, but they are colleagues. Black Lives Matter. She will continue to protest, continue to fight injustice, continue to fight systemic racism because that is her right, that is her duty and their duty as Council people to be out there listening to the cries of the people. Listening to their frustrations. To say that is in conflict with being a Councilmember. She stated that she strongly disagree, strongly. She stated that she had all these wonderful remarks prepared, but she is not going to read them. Her remarks for the folks who are unheard, for the folks that feel that they are frustrated, for the folks that feel like they are disposable, and pushed aside and that the city has moved on without them. We need to hear them. We need to listen to them which is uncomfortable when we hear things that we don't want to hear, but we got to be with them. She said like she said when she first started making these remarks, if you are willing to have a conversation she is willing to listen. She is willing to engage with them. If they are not, she is sorry that they are not, but she is still ready when they are. For the citizens that finds her disgusting. For the citizens that want her to go back to wherever country she came from, America. For the citizens that want her to hang. For the citizens that want her to die, she respects them and asked that they call her too.

Ms. Candida Affa asked Ms. Gerlach did she not call her on Sunday and they spoke for two hours. She stated that she initiated the phone call. She stated that they spoke for two hours and she explained to Ms. Gerlach the process of what happened and they spoke for hours.

Ms. CeCe Gerlach stated that what she was referring was prior to this Censure Resolution even coming up. She stated to Ms. Affa if she had a problem with her, call her or text her. There are plenty of means of communication. Saturday, when the Resolution and The Morning Call called several of them and asked if you supported this Resolution everyone stated that they supported this Resolution on Saturday. It is in the paper. She stated that she doesn't know happened between Saturday and Monday that people no longer are supporting the Resolution. She stated that she is not getting into that. She is willing to do it privately, but she is not here to do that. She stated that she does appreciate that phone call on Sunday.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that they had a two hour conversation about many things, not just the Resolution and she stated that she differs with Ms. Gerlach. She stated that she did not tell the press. She specifically said that she did not sign on to this. She stated that she was surprised that it was out there. It was no signature of hers on that. She stated that she did not find out until the press called her on Friday. She stated that she did not know anything about it so she called her and explained that to her on the phone. She stated that they did have a good conversation.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns.

Ms. Candida Affa asked Ms. Gerlach did she not call her on Sunday and they spoke for two hours.

Mr. Joshua Siegel started by saying tonight they worked together. They had an honest conversation. They discussed the ordinances before them and they legislated like they are supposed to. He stated that he wants to be clear they can work together. They can pass legislation. He thinks what happened here is that they conflated differences of ideology. Differences of opinion and difference of policy as being a conflict of interest and he takes offense to that. He stated that he doesn't think it is a conflict of interest or radical to believe that we should treat mental health, with mental health. He stated that he doesn't think it is radical to believe that we should house our homeless in permanent housing and address the underlying causes of homelessness and not continue to criminalize them. He stated that he doesn't think that it is radical to take money out of a system that by its very nature designed to control and police and invest it in education. He doesn't believe it is radical to invest in preventative measures as opposed to punishment and if that is what gets him censured in the City of Allentown then he is sorry to say that the system is broken. We can have differences

of opinions all day long. We can have differences of opinions on anything. He stated that they can hate what he believes in. He stated that you can believe that the world that he wants to build is so wrong and so antithetical that you organize against him. He stated that he wants to make it clear that the place to hold him accountable is at the ballot box. He stated that if they don't like him here, they can get rid of him in 2023. He stated that they can support a candidate that is the antithesis of everything he stands for and that is your God given right as elected officials and residents of Allentown. He stated but don't censure him. If they thought it was wrong of what he did to the Mayor. He stated that he thinks it was wrong. He stated that he admitted it and he is sorry that it wasn't sufficient to them, but he apologized and acknowledged that he did wrong. He stated to the mayor that he did not release his address and would never put his family in danger. He stated that he would never release the mayor's personal address or anything of that nature. He stated the phone number, he was 100 percent wrong and acknowledged that. He stated that he wants to be clear, that they have seen the city mobilize. We know where the energy is. This is not the same city it was 10 years ago, five years ago, or two years ago. New voices. New community members are speaking up. You saw what they did when they mobilized. You saw how quickly they reacted and how fast they responded to what happened and how fast they responded to this censure. We are in a moment of moral reckoning. Not just for our city or state, but our country. Here is the hard part, really, honestly because obviously blood has been drawn, wounds have been opened. This censure was not easy for anyone. It is torn the community asunder. It has divided us at a time when we need to come together and actually try to build a better world. This is really the hard part. He stated that here is what he believes Movements are not defined by who they are against or what they are against. They are defined on what they stand for and that is really what is incumbent of us now as members of Council. He stated that if they believe wholeheartedly that he is wrong then show him a world that he wants to build and he will show a world that he wants to build. Let those two ideas compete in public and let the voters and the city decide. He believes in a world that divest and reinvest in the community. He believes in a world where they try to build justice, equity and equality through investing in our citizens through education, through homelessness, through mental healthcare, through substance abuse treatment. If you believe in a world that is different from that show him. He states how him what that looks like and he would in good faith and honest conversation work with them. He stated don't expect him to sit there and respect the fact that they were censured for stand for our community because he can't point out the hypocrisy in saying that it is a conflict of interest for them to stand with Black Lives Matter and then later that day see members of Council stand with Blue Lives Matter. That is an abundant and apparent hypocrisy that has to be acknowledged. He stated that if it is a conflict of interest for us.

How in the world it cannot be a conflict of interest for you. That is a point that needs to be acknowledged and realized. There are two points in the same. Here is the point, you stood with them. That is fine. That is what you believe. Recognize that our side of the crowd wants and he doesn't understand what they counter protested when it comes to Black Lives Matter. He stated that he does not understand how they organize against that. Black Lives Matter is not anti-police. It is not anti-cop. There is no need to have a Blue Lives Matter rally because we are not saying their lives don't matter. We never said that once. That is not what the movement is about and there were members of that crowd at the rally that were yelling racial epithets that were flying offensive flags, that were carrying armed guns, trying to incite violence and incidents. That is not the side of the rally he was on was trying to do. Be more cognizant of what you are doing and where you stand when you make these points. He stated that he doesn't want to believe that they are hypocrites, but when you stand in a crowd and you claim that we have a conflict of interest and you stand with the opposite side and believes that it is not any different. You can't say that and recognize when people recognize what they see.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated to Mr. Siegel, let me say this you are a co-worker working for the City of Allentown. Among those co-workers are 200 plus men and women of the Allentown Police Department. He asked him to explain why he would say F the police, tell him how is that any movement and how that helps in any way shape or form.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated with all due respect Council President Hendricks he himself has never said the words F the police whenever there was an audience. He stated that Mr. Hendricks can believe whatever he wants. With a mask on his mouth they can make as much conjecture as you want. He stated that it is his word against Mr. Hendricks. He stated that he never said F the police. Whenever there was a crowd.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated you were not in those marches either.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he did attend the marches and when you see him pumping his fist.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that you are marching and that is being spoken. You are part of the message. You can explain that to the men and women of the Allentown Police Department.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he will make his case any day of the week. Anytime he pumps his fists, he says defund the police. He does not say F the police, but Mr. Hendricks should also recognize where the phrase come from because you criticize it and understand why. He asked Mr. Hendricks

if he knows where F the police comes from. Do you understand what it means at least try to understand. When someone says F the police and he is going to explain himself because before Mr. Hendricks misconstrued what it means at least be fair and acknowledge where it comes from. It's a cultural reference. It is not a general critique against the Allentown Police Department. F the police is a general critique against police brutality and excessive force. If someone says F the police, they are saying F the general concept of police brutality and excessive force. It is not F the Allentown Police Department. It is not F the Allentown Police Officers. That needs to be pointed out before you misconstrue that. He stated that he is not going to judge members of the community who is saying it because it is coming from a different point then his perspective in life.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated to Mr. Siegel, you know what an adult man's up of what they have done. He stated that Mr. Siegel has trouble doing that.

Mr. Joshua Siegel thanked Mr. Hendricks.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that the issue is calling basically contradicting herself. She doesn't understand how she can't believe the concept of Black Lives Matter which she does. She stated that she always has. She stated why she can't stand there with the Police Department, for the Police Department and the morale of the Police Department. She stated that she was there approximately 15 minutes. She stated that they asked her on 69 News and she stated that she only making one statement. She stated that she was there for one reason and one reason alone that was to stand there for the morale of the police department. She stated that she will never understand how that could be contradictory to Black Lives Matter. She stated that she believes in their movement. She stated that she does not believe in them banging on the windows and things like that, but she will deal with it. To say that she is two-faced or contradictory because she can support both. She stated that she doesn't understand why. She stated that she takes issue that Mr. Siegel is actually saying it. She said that he is calling her out on it. She stated that she believes they can do both. She stated that she has freedom of speech. Right, Ms. Mota. She stated that she has the freedom to go out there and say that she supports the police department and pick up their morale. She stated that she can also say that she believes in the concept of Black Lives Matter. She stated that she will stand by that. She stated that she is a product of the 60s and have been around before Mr. Siegel was even thought of being born. She states that she marched in the Civil Rights and have done such much for the Black community as much as she could. This is not one of those things that she says she knows a Black person. She stated no. I have also been a member. She asked Mr. Siegel if he is a member of the NAACP by the way.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated no, he is not.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she is for seven years. She stated that she have voted and been on their side and noticed that the NAACP has not stood up and done anything to even back the Black Lives Matter as far as she knows.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated to Mr. Hendricks that she would really like to be excused.

Ms. CeCe Gerlach stated to Mr. Hendricks that she understands that they are all passionate believe her. Inside, her heart is pounding. She stated believe her there are things that she would like to say, but this is not the forum. This is not the place.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that she agrees.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that for some people that say they want to hear what Julio says about this. He stated that he tried to keep himself in the middle of the road on both sides. He stated that he has marched with some protesters. He has not really been in the confrontational part of it. He stated that he has marched in three of them or probably more. The issue is that they have a difference in personalities here. Differences in ideologies. We got to try to work together somehow. Tonight at the beginning of the meeting and during the meeting was a good example of how to work together. He stated that he thinks they should go back to it. As it was said before, we were elected by the people. We all are elected by the people and they belief in us so we can't disappoint them. He stated that they got to work together and leave their differences outside and work for the common good. He stated that they can always keep their differences outside of this room. He stated that he has a lot of different issues himself. He stated that he is the first one to say that, but he tries not to interfere on what they are doing here. He stated that some people were calling him and expecting him to vote for the censorship. Some people were calling him to say don't vote for it. He stated that he did not answer a lot of those calls because he did not think it was right for him to engage in those types of issues. He stated that he has been on Council for 20 years and before that working with the community and Council for at least five to 10 years. He stated that he has been around the city for a long time and the city needs what Rodney King said Can We All Just Get Along. He stated that they need to work on that and need to set an example. We need to stand up and set an example for the city. They are expecting us to do that. Picking and calling each other names is not the way to do it. We got to be above that and that is why he called out Joe today right away and he apologized. Just like Joshua

apologize for giving the mayor's number. We got to do that. We got to work together. We can't be calling each other names. he is the first one to say that he doesn't call anyone a name here. He tries to be as diplomatic as possible with his colleagues. It doesn't mean that he agrees with everything. He stated that they all knows that he doesn't agree with everything, but he tries to work with them. He believes Cynthia is doing the same thing. He stated that they are the majority in this city. The Latinos are, but they need to work together. He stated that will not do to anybody what has been done to him. He has experiences a whole lot of things that people have no idea. Not only as a Black Hispanic, but also as a Councilman and people trying to patronize him just because he has an accent perhaps. He stated Just remember, he speaks two languages. Most people speak one. He would say let's try to work together. Let's calm down. No more having differences, censorships. He stated let's work together, please. It is becoming of City Councilmembers to do the right thing for the people.

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

Ms. Candida Affa made a plea for those of them that have not filled out the Census Report, please do. She stated that the County Executive Phil Armstrong said that we are really lagging behind here in Allentown. This is so important to fill out. We lose \$2,000 per person for 10 years if we don't fill those out and us lagging behind is a concern because everyone should fill it out because you lose \$2,000 per person. We cannot afford to lose this. She stated that she would like to thank Assistant Chief of Police Stephen Vangelo has retired on Monday. She commended and thanked him. She stated that he went from patrolman to Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain and all the way up to the Assistant Chief of Police. She stated that he served the city with dignity and when she thinks about a police officer, she thinks about him. She thanked him for his service and good luck.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Affa and made a comment tonight. He stated that he would like to comment and compliment the city's Bureaus on the great job they did yesterday. It was a very difficult job. Most especially the Parks Maintenance Department he knows that they really had their backs to the wall and they are going to be doing some very difficult duties for the next couple of weeks, but everybody was up to the task and did a fantastic job and there is a lot more work to be done. He stated thank you.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Mr. Hendricks said it right. All the Departments from Public Works, Police, Fire and all the departments.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated all of them.

ADJOURNED: 9:29 PM