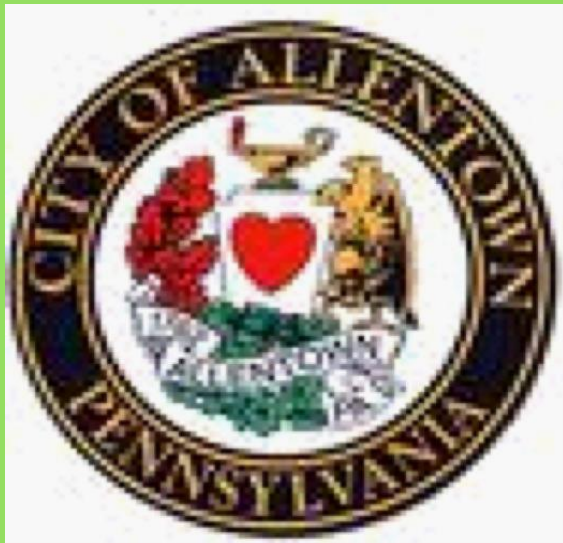


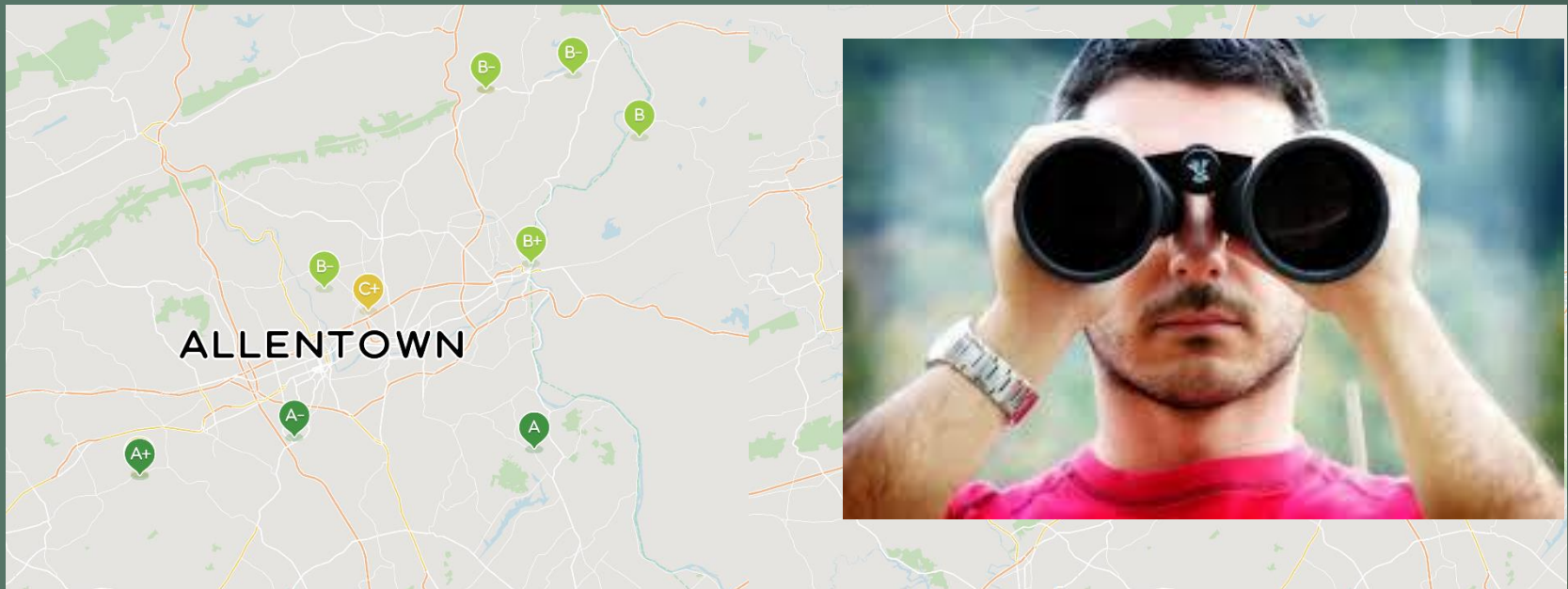
City of Allentown 2021 Budget



OVERVIEW GENERAL FUND

Where are we?

- ▶ 2021 General Fund budgeted revenues \$118.3M
- ▶ 2021 General Fund expenditures (including the vacancy factor) \$118.9M
- ▶ Revenues increased from 2020 original budgeted amounts
- ▶ Expenditures decreased from 2020 original budgeted amounts
- ▶ **NO CHANGE TO 2020 TAX RATES IN 2021**



Allentown Residential Trends are Positive

- 120 apartments at Cityplace (completed summer 2020)
- 80 apartments at Cityplace (to be completed spring 2021)
- 22 apartments under construction at 114 E. Allen St.
- 97 units Center Square Lofts West (completed early 2020)
- 214 units Center Square Lofts East (completed 4th quarter 2020)
- 36 apartments approved at 938 W. Washington St.
- 43 single-family homes approved on Barnes Lane
- 78 units proposed at 950-956 W. Hamilton St.
- 250 units proposed at 7th & Linden
- HUD grant for Lead Hazard Reduction (300 units)



Allentown Economic Trends are Positive

- Tower 6 fully occupied
- Five City Center fully occupied
- Six Story, 100,000 sq ft. bldg. 932 Hamilton proposed
- Neuweiler redevelopment to 42,000 sq ft. office building
- Industrial facility planned at incinerator site
- Da Vinci Science Center project advancing



Anticipated 2020 year-end for revenues and expenditures

The City began 2020 in a promising financial position. However, the financial impacts from COVID-19 were significant.

Initial estimates were projecting a General Fund deficit of \$8-10M.

Thanks to the diligent work by City leadership, department and bureau heads, and all staff curtailing spending and cutting expenditures, current A&E projections indicate a \$0.7 million General Fund deficit for 2020.



Reserves

We are anticipating ending 2020 with just over \$12M in reserves.

Only \$641,301 is needed from reserves to balance the 2021 budget.

This would bring us to an estimated reserve amount of \$11.4M at the end of 2021.



Budget Trends for 2021

Personnel wages, pension and health insurance costs maintain steady increases.

Conversely, operating costs decline from 2020 original budgeted amounts as pursuit of cost efficiencies continues.

The 2021 budget includes an additional \$706,000.00 provided as part of the LCA settlement which provides a significant amount of relief to the General Fund.

The City maintains it's Standard and Poor rating for 2021.

Recurring operational costs are funded in 2021 within recurring revenues without a tax increase.

Significant New Expenditure Requests

New software for the Parks and Recreation department which will allow the public to reserve fields, courts, and pavilions online electronically.

New billing software for EMS which will promote efficiencies, increase revenue, and allow for more remote working capacity for staff.

Purchase of an excavator which will facilitate larger in-house projects and utility line replacements.

The addition of a second Crisis Intervention Specialist to work with citizens and Officers in response to mental health related concerns as well as directing the individual to the appropriate services in an effort to ensure fewer related calls for service and repeated law enforcement contact.

2021 Budget Review

Schedule of Budget Hearings, October-December 2020

Wednesday, October 21st 5:30 PM	Mayor's Budget Presentation - Introduction of Budget Bills to be referred to respective special meetings.
Monday, October 26th 5:30 PM	Revenue and Expenditure Estimates, Finance, Debt Service Fund – Financing of Equipment and Capital Projects Fund.
Wednesday, October 28th 5:30 PM	Public Safety: Fire, Police, EMS - Equipment and Capital Projects Fund if applicable.
Wednesday, November 4th 5:00 PM	Parks and Recreation: Trexler, Golf, - Equipment and Capital Projects Fund
Monday, November 9th 5:30 PM	Human Resources, Risk Management, Information Systems; General and Civic, Non-Departmental – Mayor, Managing Director, Controller, Solicitor's Office, Council
Wednesday, November 18th 5:00 PM	Public Works: Solid Waste, Liquid Fuels, Stormwater Management Fund, Administrative Order Fund, Equipment and Capital Projects Fund.
Monday, November 23rd 5:30 PM	Community and Economic Development: Equipment and Capital Projects Fund.
Monday, November 30th 6:00 PM	Open
Wednesday, December 9th 7:00 PM	Adoption of Budgets