



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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 and will consider all comments from city residents. Comments can be registered using the ecomment provision on each agenda. These comments are public and will appear on the agenda and website. All comments must include your name and address, including your city, and they can also be emailed to Michael.Hanlon@AllentownPa.gov by 2:00 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 the appropriate period 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

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

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LETTER FROM CHEW STREET

Mr. Julio Guridy stated with that letter, the city needs to do something about that. There were a lot of things there that he was called about. There was a lot of other things there that they really talked about. He stated that three people called him last week about people going through red lights and speeding. It is really an issue. If you stand on Seventh Street, you will see people going through red lights. He asked about the poop.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Mr. Messinger replied.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it was addressed and Mr. Messinger replied. Police Chief Granitz replied and what they are doing about the vehicles. He stated that Sunday he was out driving and it was a beautiful day and he was going through West Park and two of the city's officers were stopped and had one of the four wheelers that they were waiting to tow away. They are well aware of it. He stated that he tried to call Mr. Parker today and left him his number.

Ms. Candida Affa asked Mr. Hendricks if he said Mr. Anthony or Mr. Parker. She stated that she tried to call him also. She stated that she spoke to Mr. Messinger because he talked about lighting and LED lighting is there. She stated that she lived on 12th and Chew Streets. They would race and there were so many accidents. And, the dog poop. She can't tell them how many times she went to her car and it was there. This has been going on for 20 years.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that maybe it was Mr. Anthony. He stated that the city can't do anything about speed cameras. That is not allowed in Allentown.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Mr. Messinger and the Police Chief weighed in and it will be addressed.

Ms. Candida Affa stated for at least 10 years, they had bags there for the dogs, but they were stolen within 24 hours. All the bags would be taken out.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is ridiculous.

[15-3763](#) Courtesy of the Floor

Attachments: [Courtesy of Floor](#)
[Letter from Chew Street](#)

Approval of Minutes:

[15-3703](#) July 15, 2020 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [July 15, 2020 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Old Business: NONE

Communications:

Proclamation - Robert Kerchusky

Proclamation - Carol Gonzalez

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**Public Hearing and Special Meeting, September 23**

City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Bill 20, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow the existing pocket neighborhood development option in the R-MP Zoning District and to revise the zoning map to apply the R-MP District to land east of South Ste Elmo Street and generally south of West Fairview Street on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 6:00 PM, followed by a Special Meeting at 7:00 PM to vote on the proposal.

Public Hearing, October 21

Council will hold a Public Hearing on Bill 32, a petition to rezone various tracts of land in and around the Front Street - 51-97, 113, 115 and 210-221 North Front Street from B5 - Urban Commercial to B/LI Business Light Industrial on October 21 at 6:30 PM. The proposal will be on the agenda of the council meeting that follows.

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Guridy, Mota

The committee met on August 26; the next scheduled meeting is for September 23rd.

CEDC: Chair Guridy, Gerlach, Affa

The committee met on August 26th and referred one item to tonight's meeting; the next meeting has not been scheduled. .

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

The committee met this evening, the next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Gerlach, Siegel

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee met this evening, the next meeting is scheduled for October 7,

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel

The committee has not met since the last council meeting, the next meeting will take place on September 16 - time to be determined.

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

The committee is in the process of setting up a meeting with the county on resources relating to social programs; in preparation on the meeting we have asked the Controller to examine city expenditures relating to spending programs; a

meeting will also be scheduled to look at the charter questions relating to Controller responsibilities.

Administration

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that tonight is the night of Proclamations. He read a Proclamation on Suicide Prevention. Lehigh County will do a Proclamation for the same thing. It is a very important topic. He stated that he has known Carol for a long time. He has bought Girls Scout cookies from her. He stated that he is glad Mr. McMahon came back. He stated that you can just see when you work with someone all those years, and he never met Bob until tonight, but when you work with someone for all those years you build up that relationship. You build up that confidence. You build up that trust and loyalty. Joe and Bob go back a long way. It is the right thing to do and we need to do more of that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that people tend to forget any working in municipal government is a form of sacrifice. A lot of jobs out there are far better compensated.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that there are a lot of good people out there that need to be honored and acknowledged.

City Controller

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier went over the Accounts Payable Weekly Check Review from the 4th of July to the 31st of July. When they do the reviews, they review all the checks generated in the period tested included the invoices and the corresponding documentation, approvals, compliance and AIMS and reasonableness of expenditure. In this period they reviewed 281 checks for \$3.7 million. They reviewed three manual checks for \$40,000. They reviewed nine wires for a little bit less than \$1.3 million. They had one incorrect expense account use. It was a fund issue. It is properly a Risk expense. They are waiting on a journal entry. There were four invoices that were not attached. There were 24 invoices that were considered not paid in what the Controller's office consider a timely manner. They work on a 60 day timeline which is very generous. They advised all the departments and the reason had to do with dealing with COVID.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked about the Bank Statement Reports. What month are you on?

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated no. What you are asking about is bank reconciliations. This report tonight had to do with Accounts Payable checks and that was for the month of July. With Bank Reconciliations, the Controller's office just finished up June. He stated that he can report on that at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Julio Guridy commended Mr. Glazier stating that if he finished June it is really good. At some point, we are generally six months behind.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that once the Controller's office gets the information from Treasury and Finance, they can generally bang things out in just a couple of days. It is really what happens downstairs that determine how quickly things get turned around. The Payable Reports and the P Card generally have more meat to them. At the next meeting he will bring a couple bank reconciliation reports and those will be very short. He stated that Mr. Guridy asked a good question.

APPOINTMENTS:

[15-3746](#) R. Scott Unger, Zoning Hearing Board, 05/06/2024 (Reappointment)

Attachments: [Unger, Zoning Hearing Board](#)
[Resolution #30036](#)

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

Enactment No: 30036

[15-3745](#) David Olson, ACIDA, 01/01/2025 (Reappointment)

Attachments: [David Olson, ACIDA](#)
[Resolution #30037](#)

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

Enactment No: 30037

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3502](#) Bill 19 HR, Admin and Appts - this evening
Amending the 2020 General Fund budget by creating the position of Receptionist (5N) in the Human Resources Department and transferring \$27,500 from the General and Civic, Account 78 for salary for the remainder of the year.

Attachments: [Bill 19 Receptionist Position](#)
[Receptionist](#)
[Ordinance #15633](#)

Ms. CeCe Gerlach stated that it was forwarded favorably to full Council.

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

Enactment No: 15633

[15-3733](#) Bill 56 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably
Amending the 2020 General Fund, Solid Waste and Stormwater Fund

Budgets by transferring a total of Four Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred (\$412,800) Dollars from the unappropriated balances of the General Fund, Solid Waste Fund and Stormwater Fund to General and Civic Program within the General Fund to enable payment to the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Fund for COVID-19 related furloughs and layoffs.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 56 Unemployment Comp Expenditure](#)
[Ordinance #15634](#)

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that it was voted favorably to Council. This Ordinance was basically to make the General Fund whole as it relates to unemployment compensation.

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

Enactment No: 15634

[15-3742](#)

Bill 57 Committee of the Whole, this evening
Amending the 2020 General Fund budget to accommodate the reorganization of positions – providing upgrades to 16 existing positions and adds 4 new positions (per the attachments) within the Bureau of Health in order to meet the requirements of the COVID-19 related grants the City is receiving and to operate more efficiently while taking on these additional responsibilities. The City will be receiving a total of Five Million (\$5,000,000) Dollars in grants funds over the next three (3) years to support these changes.

Attachments: [Bill 57 Health Covid Reorganization](#)
[Health Reorg Bill summary](#)
[HEALTH BUREAU COVID REORG](#)
[Grant Specifications](#)
[Health Reorg 2020 Answers to Questions](#)
[Ordinance #15635](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that was in his committee. They had two meetings regarding this bill and long discussions. They forwarded the bill without a recommendation. They had a long discussion on it today. He stated that Mr. Lightner and Ms. Kistler are here if anybody had any further comments.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any public comments.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated no.

Ms. Vicky Kistler thanked Council for doing their due diligence and the Health Department will do its best to make them proud. She apologized to

Mr. Zucal.

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

Enactment No: 15635

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3584](#)

R54

Sewage Planning Module for The Waterfront Phase II at Waterfront Drive

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R54 Waterfront Phase II - Sewage Planning Module](#)

[Waterfront Phase II - Sewer Planning Module](#)

[Waterfront Phase II - Sewer Planning Module Part II](#)

[Waterfront Phase II Response](#)

[Letter from Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office - The Waterfront Phase 2](#)

[Letter from Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission - The Waterfront Phase 2](#)

[Resolution #30038](#)

[The Waterfront Phase II Documents](#)

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that this was before Council before and there were some missing documents which the office received from Ms. Woodward.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this is for Phase II of their development. This is for the residential, 179 units for the apartment with a little over 10,000 for the square foot with warehouse and restaurant, 35,000, retail - 38,000 square foot and the office buildings - 423,000 square foot. This is a large Planning Module with 129,317 gallons, but it is all part of our plan and we have capacity for it.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that there were no comments.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if it was in the Public Works committee.

Mr. Michel Hanlon stated no. You typically vote on them right away. This one your got a while ago and you were missing documents.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that they did wind up getting the Game Commission and the Boat Commission updates for it and they have all the paperwork.

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

Enactment No: 30038

[15-3757](#)

R100

Transfer Approval in Risk Management Program: \$84,000 from Self Insured losses Account to Property and Casualty to pay Inland Marine and Commercial Auto annual insurance premiums. The inland marine premium is \$37,802 annually. The Commercial Auto premium is \$56,000 annually. Some insurance premiums, such as Law Enforcement Liability, were higher than anticipated.

Attachments: [R100 \\$84,000 Transfer](#)

[Transfer](#)

[Resolution #30039](#)

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that as Council knows there are a variety of insurance policies. Some costs more money this year. He stated that he is thinks about the Police Policy. There is a policy for Public Officials that costs more than was budgeted. Some bills were paid previously that were taken out of the wrong accounts and this is really to get money in the proper accounts and pay for the Inland Marine Policy.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked the insight on the liability for police increased.

Ms. Meloney Sallie Dosunmu stated that she does not have the information as well as far as why it went up. The city has been holding the price down. It has to do with the current state of things in general. She stated that she will find out and follow up with Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that across the country, a lot of vehicles are being torched. Maybe that's why.

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

Enactment No: 30039

[15-3761](#)

R101

Sewage Planning Module for Filmtech – Mitchell Avenue Site

Attachments: [R101 Filmtech Mitchell Avenue](#)

[Filmtech – Mitchell Avenue Site - Sewage Planning Module](#)

[Resolution #30040](#)

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

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this is for about 70,000 square foot warehouse on that property. They are adding an extra property. The city has plenty of capacity for it and it was approved by the Planning

Commission.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if Mr. Messinger knows what type of business they do.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that he is not sure what they do there, but it will be for warehousing for the new part of it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Messinger and asked if there were any comments.

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

Enactment No: 30040

[15-3755](#)

R102

Sewage Planning Module for Ava's Acres, LLC – 2232 S. 11th Street

Attachments: [R102 Ava's Acres, LLC - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[Avas Acres Sewage Planning Module](#)
[South 11th Street - Site Plan R1-Model](#)
[Letter from Value Engineering Inc. - Avas Acres PM Sub to City Council](#)
[Resolution #30041](#)

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

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this is basically one residential unit there now and they are actually taking that one down now and putting three townhouses in that area. The city has capacity for it and it was approved by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions.

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

Enactment No: 30041

[15-3760](#)

R103

Sewage Planning Module for City Center Investment Corp. – 950 Hamilton Apartments

Attachments: [R103 950 Hamilton Apartments - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[950 Hamilton Apartments Sewage Planning Module](#)
[Resolution #30042](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it is the converted former Hilton Hotel.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated the Holiday Inn.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this is between Fountain and 10th Streets. This is another 78 apartments that they will be putting in there that will be five stories. The city has capacity for it and it was all approved with the Planning Commission and they have all the documents.

Ms. CeCe Gerlach asked if this was the yarn store, the wicker store or Tucker's Yarn Store.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated in that area, yes.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that there were no comments.

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

Enactment No: 30042

[15-3752](#)

R104

Recognizing Suicide Prevention Month

Attachments: [R104 Suicide Prevention Month](#)

Mayor Ray O'Connell read the Proclamation earlier in the meeting.

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

[15-3749](#)

Bill 58

Amending Article 507 (Traffic control Maps) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown. The request is from the Administration. The Administration is authorized to establish and evaluate traffic regulations for a temporary period not to exceed 90 days. This legislation makes the temporary changes permanent.

Attachments: [Bill 58 Traffic Control Maps](#)

[Traffic Regulation 8-20-20](#)

[Ordinance #15637](#)

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15637

[15-3750](#)

Bill 59

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two (\$30,862) Dollars from UGI to the City of Allentown for the installation of handicap ramps and for milling and paving of streets under the City's Utility Paving Program.

Attachments: [Bill 59 UGI CONTRIBUTION](#)
[Ordinance #15638](#)

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15638

[15-3751](#) Bill 60 Budget and Finance, Forwarded Favorably
Correcting Ordinance 15607, Section One, by appropriating the correct total of Two Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$248,566.46) to the 2020 Stormwater Fund from the 2019 Purchase Order Rollovers of rather than Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$470,662.36) which was previously approved.

Attachments: [Bill 60 Corrects 15607](#)
[Ordinance #15607](#)
[Ordinance #15641](#)

REFERRED TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15641

[15-3754](#) Bill 61
Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Three (\$112,523) Dollars from the United States Department of Justice through the Emergency Supplemental Funding program known as the CARES Act to the City of Allentown for COVID-19 related purchases.

Attachments: [Bill 61 Police COVID JAG Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15639](#)

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15639

[15-3756](#) Bill 62 Budget and Finance, Forwarded Favorably
Amending the 2020 General Fund budget to add the position of Finance Deputy Director Finance Deputy Director (18N) at annual salary of Ninety-Five Thousand (\$95,000) Dollars.as recommended in the City's Early Intervention Plan.

Attachments: [Bill 62 Creates Deputy Director in Finance Department](#)
[Ordinance #15642](#)

REFERRED TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15642

[15-3759](#)

Bill 63

Amending the 2020 General Fund budget to accommodate the reorganization of positions to allow the Department of Information Technology to operate more efficiently.

Attachments: [Bill 63 IT Reorg](#)
[Systems Administrator I-III](#)
[Ordinance #15640](#)

REFERRED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15640

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

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 8:55 PM