



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, October 21, 2020

6:15 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Contract Approval

**Public Comment Provisions during Covid:** The meeting will be live streamed. 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. All comments must include your name and address, including your city, and be emailed to [Michael.Hanlon@AllentownPa.gov](mailto:Michael.Hanlon@AllentownPa.gov) by 2 PM on the date of the meeting. Comments can also be registered using the ecomment provision on each agenda item found on the city website. 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. In addition, if you would like to speak during the meeting, please send your name, address, including municipality, and telephone number to the email address above indicating what issue you would like to speak on or call the office at 610.437.7555 and do the same, and you will be called during the meeting.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Gurdy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Excused:** 1 - Candida Affa

#### RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3821](#)

R123

Authorization for Contract with Spohn Ranch, Inc. for \$499,761.88 for the Jordan Park Skatepark project – competitively bid, 4 responses.

**Attachments:** [R123 Spohn Ranch Inc.](#)

[Resolution #30060](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as Bid #2020-10. It was advertised on Public Purchase and accessed by 29 vendors. Four responses were received. A fifth response was received, but was rejected

because it was received after the bid opening date and time. All bids were reviewed to ensure that they were reviewed to a specifications and an award is being recommended to the lowest bidder. The city has not done business with this vendor before.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Baraket and asked if Ms. El-Chaar wanted to expand on that.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that they were very pleased with the responses they received. As Ms. Baraket mentioned, they had four. When they had bids out, this was a rebid. They bid this out previously and had very limited response and the entities did not meet the specifications of the RFP. When they rebid, reposted, republished, reissued this bid as they were getting close to having a bid opening Covid 19 struck and they could not move forward so rather than place everything on hold or even follow through they waiting because of construction firms really were not operating so they changed the bid opening date to October 1 to allow construction companies should everything proceed with Pennsylvania going green. They are very pleased regarding the lowest bid. It did come in meeting the city's budget requirement and this skate park construction company is well known in the industry. It is world renowned. They are very please to have this entity receive this contract to move forward with construction of the skate park.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that this is very exciting to have a skate park. The city had numerous responses from the community. They are looking forward to having this. She stated that she cannot wait.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked when will it start and when will it be completed.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that if the contract is approved they will start that discussion. They might start construction by Spring and open it by late Summer or early Fall.

Ms. CeCe Gerlach stated that she is glad to see it is finally happening. She remember attending meetings at the Alternative Arts Gallery. She doesn't skate, but it seems to be something that people like to do. It is great that the city has one and will be a great addition to what we have at Keck Park.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he may date himself, but recalls on his early days on patrol patrolling Jordan Park when it was clay courts, clay tennis courts. That was quite a while ago. Things have revolved. He asked if there were any questions or comments.

**Yes:** 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Absent:** 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 30060

[15-3564](#) Contract Procedures

**Attachments:** [Article 130.16 Contracts](#)

**ADJOURNED: 6:20 PM**