

ORDINANCE NO.

CITY COUNCIL

BILL 6 – 2021

FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Amending the Environmental Advisory Council by making miscellaneous changes: adding to the Purpose and Duties of the Council, changing the appointment process to reflect authority under the Home Rule Charter, allowing the council to elect their chair, and establishing a city councilperson as the liaison.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That the following be added and deleted from Article 177, Environmental Advisory Council, in the Codified Ordinances:

## **ARTICLE 177 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **177.01 Purpose**

### **177.02 Establishment: Composition**

### **177.03 Chairman; Compensation**

### **177.04 Powers and Duties**

### **177.05 Annual Report**

#### **177.01 PURPOSE**

Allentown City Council and the Administration of the City of Allentown deem it to be in the best interest and the general welfare of the citizens and residents of Allentown; to encourage sustainable design and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions including the use of renewable energies, the protection and preservation of natural resources within the City of Allentown, and maintaining possible uses of open land in the City of Allentown; ~~and creating inventories of natural areas with unique features within the City of Allentown~~ assist in creating a greenhouse gas inventory and the promotion of community environmental programs.

#### **177.02 ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSITION**

1. The Environmental Advisory Council shall be composed of seven (7) residents of this City, all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor with approval of City Council. as follows; two (2) of whom shall be appointed by Council.

- 1) ~~All Five Five (55) Council members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of City Council;~~

~~Two (2) council members shall be appointed by the city council with the approval of the mayor.~~

- 2) The Council members' terms of office shall expire on the first Monday in January following the last year of their term in office unless city council or the Mmayor (as applicable) has failed to reappoint or replace the member, in which case the member's term shall continue until reappointment or replacement;
- 3) Unless removed from office by other Ceouncil members due to nonfeasance, dDuly appointed Council members shall serve a term of three (3) years, except that initial appointments shall be so staggered that the terms of approximately one-third of the membership shall expire each year:
- 4) A member of City Council ~~the Allentown Planning Commission~~ is to be a liaison to the Environmental Advisory Council. The City Council Planning Commission member, as liaison, is to be in a non-voting capacity with the Environmental Advisory Council, and the liaison to the Environmental Advisory Council is to be selected by the President of City Council ~~Chairperson of the Allentown Planning Commission~~.

### **177.03 CHAIRPERSONMAN; COMPENSATION**

The Chairperson of the Council shall be ~~be designated by the Mayor~~ selected by the members of the Council EAG, with approval of City Council and the Mayor. Approval shall be deemed given if no objection is raised by City Council or the Mayor within 20 days of being notified by the Council.

Environmental Advisory Council members shall receive no compensation for their services.

The Environmental Advisory Council is to be advisory to and shall coordinate its activities with the elected officials, City staff, Planning Commission and other such local governmental agencies.

### **177.04 POWERS AND DUTIES**

- 1) Identify environmental problems, research solutions, and make recommendations to Allentown City Council and City of Allentown Departments and Administration;
- 2) Recommend plans and programs to the appropriate agencies for the promotion and conservation of the natural resources and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment within the City of Allentown and its surrounding areas;
- 3) ~~Make recommendations as to the possible use of open land areas and/or environmentally sensitive lands within the City of Allentown and its surrounding areas:~~

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4) —Promote community environmental programs;

5) ~~Keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including, but not limited to, flood-prone areas, swamps, and other unique natural areas;~~

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6) 5) Advise the appropriate local governmental agencies in the acquisition of property, both real and personal;

~~7)~~6) Review subdivision and land development plans as appropriate;

~~8) —To assist in the creation of and maintain an environmental map of the City of Allentown and its surrounding areas;~~

~~9)~~7) Advise Allentown City Council and City of Allentown Departments and Administration ~~upon issues of energy conservation~~ climate action planning including creating a greenhouse emission inventory; and promoting energy conservation and renewable energy.

~~10)~~8) To undertake such environmental tasks as requested by Allentown City Council and City of Allentown Departments and Administration.

#### **177.05 ANNUAL REPORT**

1) The Environmental Advisory Council shall keep records of its meetings and activities, and shall make an annual report which shall be printed in the annual municipal report (if applicable) or otherwise made known and available. Minutes of each meeting shall be forwarded for posting on the City's website. ~~to Allentown City Council and the City of Allentown Administration.~~

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.