

ORDINANCE NO.

CITY COUNCIL

BILL 20 – 2021

April 7, 2021

Amending the Environmental Advisory Council by adding to the Purpose of the Council, changing the appointment process to reflect authority under the Home Rule Charter giving the Mayor the appointment authority, allowing the Environmental Advisory Council to elect their Chair, establishing a city councilperson as a liaison to the Council, adding to the Powers and Duties, and requiring minutes to be posted on the City website.

Section One: That Article 177 be amended to read as follows:

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**

Created by Ordinance 14566 on February 8, 2008, 14802 §1 6/25/2010 allowed the Council to elect their chair; 14907 7/22/2011 provided for a report to be submitted to Council no later than the second meeting in March.)

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 the City of Allentown to: be advised as to environmental issues within the City of Allentown; ~~to~~ encourage sustainable design and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions including the use of renewable energies, the protection and preserve of natural resources within the City of Allentown; and maintaining possible uses of open land in the City of Allentown; and promote community environmental programs. creating inventories of natural areas with unique features within the City of Allentown. (14566 2/8/2008)

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. ~~two (2) of whom shall be appointed by Council.~~

~~1) Five (5) Council members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of City Council;~~

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 the Mayor 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 Council members due to nonfeasance, duly 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.~~
(14566 2/8/2008)

177.03 CHAIRPERSON; COMPENSATION

The Chairperson of the Council shall be elected by the Environmental Advisory Council at their first meeting held in each calendar year. 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. (14566 2/8/2008; 14802 §1 6/25/2010)

177.04 POWERS AND DUTIES

1) Identify environmental issues ~~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;

4) Promote community environmental programs;

~~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;~~

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

6) Review subdivision and land development plans as appropriate;

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

7) Advise Allentown City Council and City of Allentown Departments and Administration on climate action planning including promoting ~~upon issues~~ of energy conservation and renewable energy;

10) ~~To~~ Undertake such environmental tasks as requested by Allentown City Council and City of Allentown Departments and Administration. (14566 2/8/2008)

177.05 ANNUAL REPORT

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.~~ The annual report shall be presented to City Council at a public meeting, no later than the second meeting in March. (14566 2/8/2008; §14907 07/20/11)

The Environmental Advisory Board shall prepare a written report of the year's activities, a (1) one year plan and long term goals and scenarios using a template provided by City Council. The report shall be given to the Mayor and shall be presented to Allentown City Council at a public meeting which can be at the same meeting as the presentation of the annual report. ~~(The annual report shall be presented to City Council at a public meeting, no later than the second meeting in March. (14566 2/8/2008; 14907 7/22/2011))~~

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will 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.

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