



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, April 7, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**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**

Mr. Ed Angelo, 609 W. Hamilton Street, stated that as everyone knows by now a substantial amount of money will flow to the City of Allentown and Lehigh County from the Covid 19 Stimulus Legislation recently signed by President Biden. These funds must be used to uplift those who have been left out of the benefits of all the development that has occurred in Allentown over the last decade or so. Councilwoman Gerlach spoke today through a Morning Call article about the intentions to bring equity to jobs, housing and education and other areas. This Council as well as all mayoral and Council candidates running for election should pay particular attention to Ms.

Gerlach's clarion call for economic justice for Allentown because the day is here when the dispossessed and the champions that are fighting for the dispossessed are joining in that call. Those in this city, this country, this state that oppose and cringe at the very idea helping the least among us are often the same person who would lavish upon the privilege and economically powerful for every possible advantage. In that way them that is got gets more. Them that is not sinks further into poverty.

Councilwoman Gerlach points out that four out of five Allentown residents need to leave the city to find work. Where the same shared jobs in Allentown are held by nonresidents. Clearly, in past building developments as large and small, there have been grossly inadequate provisions for job preferences for Allentown citizens. Beginning in 1980, a shell game was perpetrated upon Americans that "trickle down" economics would lift all boats and help the poor uplift themselves. That was a flat out lie then and a continuing lie today. And the ugly cousin of the "trickle down" lie is the lie that the "war on poverty" had failed, and, as Ronald Reagan would say, we fought the war on poverty and poverty won. These lies promoted falsehoods of revisionist history that succeeded in gas lighting Americans into believing that the 50 years before 1980 were an abject failure. In fact, that half century lifted more poor people of all colors out of poverty than any similar period of time in the entire history of mankind. Moreover, during that 50-year period, where significant efforts were made to uplift those in need, we also made the most progress in areas of equity and race progress. The COVID-19 money must be used to uplift those most in need of help. One of many examples where the money can be best used is the Co-responder program, sometimes referred to as Cahoots. It must be funded and put in service as soon as possible. Along with the Co-responder program, the COVID-19 money should be used to revitalize our mental health infrastructure, which is in shambles right now. In that connection, Ms. Gerlach chose the perfect location to make her call for equity and justice. The former Hanover State Hospital 195 acres must be the beginning of promoting affordable housing, with ownership not just rental. It must also become the location of a full service mental health treatment facility to help so many who were suffering mental illness even before the pandemic and are suffering so much more in the midst of this plague. The North Star to guide us, not only in the spending of the COVID-19 money, but also in every other area of development, is quite simple and fair: we must leave no one behind!

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments.

### Approval of Minutes:

[15-4193](#) January 13, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [January 13, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

[15-4187](#) January 13, 2021 City Council Meeting 2 Minutes

**Attachments:** [January 31, 2021 City Council Meeting 2 Minutes](#)

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

## Old Business

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he knows a couple times they had discussions at the request of Tyler Fatzinger regarding the cemetery. He spoke to Mr. Boyko actually last night and he said the reason that he has not allowed him to be on there is two-fold. He has a private attorney that he is using against Mr. Fatzinger for some slanderous issues that were done by Mr. Fatzinger. This is his recollection and his words. The second part is that he does not allow, not just Mr. Fatzinger, but anyone on that property because two things: they are not a licensed contractor and they are sometimes damaging stones of family members that are there without their permission to be there. It is a private property issue. He stated as he explained it to him. He had brought it up. We were interested in getting his side of it and that is what Mr. Boyko presented to him.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Zucal and stated that he actually has spoken to Mr. Boyko prior to that. He stated that he is not sure if Mr. Boyko mentioned that to him. He stated when he spoke to Mr. Boyko his issues were not necessary. They did not speak about Mr. Fatzinger. They spoke about and he actually approached him to speak about have some help from the city to fix some of the roads and throughout the cemetery there are a lot of tombstones down and dilapidated. It is an issue because there are so many people from the city that served the city buried in there he felt it was important to bring it to Council to see if there is anything they can do as Councilmember or as a city.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he did kind of mention that. But, again, he believes Mr. Kloiber can weigh in. Because it is a private property unfortunately, we can't get involved. Even though, it would be the nicest thing to do. He does not think they legal can.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that based on the information that was shared here, that is likely the case.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he was bringing the message which is his duty.

**Communications**

**Proclamation - Health Week**

**Certificates of Achievement - Roberto Clemente**

**Autism Month**

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**

**Public Hearing: April 21, 6:45 PM - Liquor licenses transfer for Zandy's at 813 Saint John Street.**

**Special Meetings:**

**April 28, 5 PM - to review the American Rescue Plan regarding federal procedures related to funding; and criterion and processes the City might use in ascertaining expenditure priorities.**

**May 12, 5:30 PM - to review and discuss the CAHOOTS presentation.**

**Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Mota**

**The committee met on March 24 at 5:30 PM and forwarded items on tonight's agenda; the next meeting is scheduled for April 28 at 5:45 PM.**

**CEDC: Chair, Gerlach, Guridy, Affa**

**The committee met on March 24; the next meeting is scheduled for April 14 at 6 PM to take testimony on the shelterless community and review items on tonight's agenda.**

**Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Affa, Mota, Zucal**

**The committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled.**

**Parks and Recreation: Chair Hendricks, Gerlach, Siegel**

**The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for April 21st prior to the council meeting, time to be determined.**

**Public Safety: Chair Mota, Hendricks, Zucal**

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**Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel**

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**Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Guridy, Mota, Hendricks**

**The committee has not met since the last council meeting; a meeting is scheduled for April 14 at 5:30 to discuss the ethics bill and components of a resolution or strategy for meeting with the county to discuss the possibilities of a Housing Court.**

**Controllers Report**

**Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that there are two bank reconciliations on the Granicus Agenda. You all can review them. There were no major findings there. The one**

bank reconciliation is for December. The other one is for January. They are currently working on February. They are just a tad bit behind schedule. At the next Council meeting he should have some Payable Reports for the month of March and a P-Card Report for Council as well.

### Administration Report

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that his Report was the Proclamations for Health Week and the Roberto Clemente Charter School.

[15-4201](#) Controller Reports

Attachments: [Bank Rec - Jan](#)  
[Bank Rec - Dec 2020](#)

### APPOINTMENTS:

[15-4144](#) Chris Cassidy, Commission on Homeless, 03-10-2025

Attachments: [Chris Cassidy, Commission on Homeless, 03-10-2025](#)  
[Resolution #30170](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from her colleagues or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30170

[15-4145](#) Abigail Goldfarb, Commission on Homeless, 03-10-2025

Attachments: [Abigail Goldfarb, Commission on Homeless, 03-10-2025](#)  
[Resolution #30171](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30171

[15-4146](#) Roslyn Kuba, Commission on Homeless, 03-10-2024

Attachments: [Roslyn Kuba, Commission on Homeless, 03-10-2024](#)  
[Resolution #30172](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30172

[15-4168](#)

Erik Koller, Electricians Examining Board, 01/25/2022

Mr. Koller is a city employee who will be fulfilling the unexpired term of Walter Clouse, Jr.

**Attachments:** [Erik Koller - Electricians Examining Board](#)  
[Resolution #30173](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from Council.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any conflicts being that he is a city employee.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated as far as he knows one city employee needs to sit on the board and Walter Clouse passed away and he was a city employee. He stated that he is pretty sure that it has to come from SEIU.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that he is fulfilling Walter Clouse's position. She asked if there were any other comments from Council or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30173

[15-4185](#)

Shane' J. Gill, Human Relations Commission, 11/1/2023 (replacing Daniel Benitez)

**Attachments:** [Shane' J. Gill, Human Relations Commission](#)  
[Resolution #30174](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30174

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

[15-4140](#)

Bill 18 Budget and Finance, Recommended Favorably  
Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Four Million Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Two Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$4,227,402.68) from the proceeds of the 2020 Bond Issuance to comply with the Environmental

Protection Agency Administrative Order.

**Attachments:** [Bill 18 AO Fund Appropriation](#)  
[Ordinance #15689](#)

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that it was forwarded favorably.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the administration or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15689

[15-4141](#) Bill 19 Budget and Finance, Recommended Favorably  
Amending the 2021 General Fund, the 2021 Risk Fund, the 2021 Equipment Fund, the 2021 Trexler Fund, the 2021 Golf Fund, the 2021 Solid Waste Fund and the 2021 Stormwater Fund by appropriating funds from the un-appropriated balances for the rollover of encumbrances for the prior year commitments

**Attachments:** [Bill 19 PO Rollover 2020 to 2021](#)  
[Ordinance #15690](#)

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that it is pretty much self explanatory. We are carrying encumbrances from previous years over to this year. Nothing really controversial there.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15690

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

[15-4161](#) R41  
Sewage Planning Module for Lanta Para Transit Facility

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R41 Lanta Para Transit Facility - Sewage Planning Module](#)  
[Lanta Para Transit Facility Sewage Planning Module](#)  
[Resolution #30175](#)  
[Lanta Para Transit Facility Sewage Planning Module \(Signed\)](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that Mr. Messinger spoke about how we have the necessary space needed.



Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated no comments.

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

Enactment No: 30175

[15-4184](#)

R42

812 South Front Street - Sewage Planning Module

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R42 812 South Front Street - Sewage Planning Module](#)

[812 South Front Street Sewer Planning Module Documents](#)

[812 South Front Street Sewer Planning Module Documents \(Signed\)](#)

[Resolution #30176](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was sent favorably to Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30176

[15-4167](#)

R43

Approves a \$15,000 transfer in CEDC for the branding identity project and \$21,625 in Police for CALEA Registration.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R43 CD and Police Transfers](#)

[Brand Identity Transfer](#)

[CALEA Transfer](#)

[Resolution #30177](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if it was in anybody's committee. He asked if it was in Ms. Gerlach's committee.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that they got an update about branding. They did not discuss this in particular.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments on the dais.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated why CEDC. It seems like a Public Safety is

mashed together in one Bill. They are two separate expenditures.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that these are just transfers that you used to sign off on.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated to pay for it, we are taking it from different funds. It is a transfer.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he was just curious. It looked like we were doing it to two separate funds.

Mr. Jeffrey Siegel stated that he raised his hand in anticipation of what Mr. Siegel's question might have been, but was not. He yielded.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais, the administration, or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30177

[15-4182](#)

R44

Approves the Submission of an application for a pass through grant for HADC from DCED for affordable housing activities.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R44 HADC Pass Through Grant](#)  
[Resolution #30178](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the administration.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that this is a normal passover grant. We want to help out HADC. We are taking it from DCED for Affordable Housing activities.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30178

[15-4162](#)

R45

A resolution supporting HB 988, specifically, the repealing of Act 43 of 2017 which expanded the sale and use of fireworks in Pennsylvania to "consumer fireworks." These fireworks have an aerial and explosive element compared to "ground fireworks" for sale prior to Act 43. Since

enactment, public safety personnel have reported a significant increase in fireworks-related incidents and injuries, as well as significant constituent complaints. Furthermore, Act 43 preempts local regulation via municipal ordinance.

**Sponsors:** Administration, Affa, Gerlach, Guridy, Hendricks, Mota and Mr. Zucal

**Attachments:** [R45 - Repeal Act 43](#)  
[House Bill 988 Fireworks](#)  
[Resolution #30179](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is sponsored by everybody on Council. It is obviously an issue that we have been dealing with for the past several years. He thinks that they should pass it. He opened it up to the dais.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he wants to add his name as a sponsor. His email did not go through. He definitely does not want to be the only person who supports fireworks.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated to Mr. Siegel that he was getting a little concerned about that his name was not there.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks commended his local representatives for seeing the ill-gotten gains that the state took for passing this in the first place. He stated that he personally received complaints about this and passed them on to our local legislators. He is glad that they are taking the action that is appropriate and given relief to the people who have suffered for too long on these fireworks.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he agrees with that and seconded that. He remembers Mr. Zucal.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that is what she was about to say, Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it will keep him out of the garage at least.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the public on this.

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

Enactment No: 30179

[15-4196](#)

R46

Authorizes Mayor to Sign all documents related to the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R46 Traffic Signal Agreement](#)  
[PennDOT Publication 191 - 2020 Edition](#)  
[Strike of letter- 494-21-02](#)  
[TSMA Agreement](#)  
[Resolution #30180](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the administration.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it was a formality.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30180

[15-4195](#)

R47

Authorizes Submission of a Formal Application to the Pennsylvania DCNR for a Grant of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) to support the Bogert's Bridge Restoration Project.

**Attachments:** [R47 DCNR GRANT - BOGERT'S BRIDGE](#)  
[Resolution #30181](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the administration.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated no. It is pretty much self explanatory.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if Council passed something like this a couple of years ago.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it is RACP money. They are going to apply. We are trying to get more. It is a very costly project.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that there were no comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 30181

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

[15-4181](#)

Bill 20 Parks and Rec, this evening  
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.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Siegel, Gerlach and Hendricks

**Attachments:** [Bill 20 EAC Amendment](#)  
[Ordinance #15692](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from anybody.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked to be added as a sponsor.

Mayor Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Siegel as the liaison for the EAC. It is very important.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Mr. Hanlon can put him down as a sponsor.

Ms. Candida Affa stated to add her name also. Ms. Cynthia Mota stated to add everyone's name.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Siegel for bringing this up. He knows that Mr. Siegel and Tinku were participating.

Mr. Joshua Siegel thanked Mayor O'Connell.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15692

[15-4164](#)

Bill 21 Parks and Rec, this evening  
Amending the 2021 Capital Projects Fund and the 2021 Trexler Fund to provide for a transfer of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars to continue repairs on various WPA structures in the park system.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 21 Trexler WPA Transfer](#)  
[Ordinance #15693](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15693

[15-4177](#)

Bill 22 CEDC, Forwarded Favorably

An ordinance of the City of Allentown authorizing the designation of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown as land bank for the City of Allentown.

**Attachments:** [Bill 22 Land Bank](#)

[Ordinance #15694](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he believes that this is a very important piece of legislation. Just coming off the week of holding slumlords accountable. As we talk about being preventative and proactive in the city. The Land Bank is a key part of the strategy. If we can intercept properties before they become a problem that is going to be a huge cost savers in the city and advance initiatives like affordable housing and the quality and strength of our neighborhoods. He encouraged all of his colleagues to get behind the Land Bank and make it a priority in terms of strategy and policy.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15694

[15-4175](#)

Bill 23 Public Safety, this evening

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Seven (\$24,657.00) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department for COVID-19 related expenses/purchases.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 23 OFSC COVID19 Fire Grant](#)

[Ordinance #15695](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15695

[15-4174](#)

Bill 24 Public Safety, this evening

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three (\$45,753.00) Dollars from the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant to the City of Allentown for updating technology

in seven police interview rooms.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 24 JAG Grant](#)

[Ordinance #15696](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

#### REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15696

#### [15-4169](#)

Bill 25 Request to be voted on  
Amending Part III, Business Regulation and Taxation, Title Three - Fees, Article 333, Business Privilege Tax, Subsection B. Tax Year Change, to provide tax relief to Allentown taxpayers in the calendar year 2021 by extending the deadline to file and pay 2020 Business Privilege Taxes in full thereof without interest and penalty from April 15, 2021 to May 17, 2021.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 25 Filing Extension for 2020 Business Privilege Taxes](#)

[Ordinance #15691](#)

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that they would like a vote. The government pushed it back from April 15 to May 17. We are following suit. It is fair to the businesses to push back the BPT.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the administration, the dais.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this makes sense. In light of that, he knows that the state also pushed theirs back. A lot of people don't file their taxes until after their federal and likewise state. It is a great idea.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is good thing. He asked if there were any comments from the public on this.

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

Enactment No: 15691

#### [15-4165](#)

Bill 26 CEDC, Forwarded favorably  
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars from GBU Financial Life to provide uniforms to support emergency preparedness and deployment initiatives for the Allentown Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 26 GBU Financial Life Donation](#)  
[Ordinance #15697](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15697

[15-4166](#) Bill 27 Public Works, this evening  
Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Two (\$195,542) Dollars from Lehigh County Authority (LCA) to make road improvements throughout the LCA restoration work area.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 27 LCA Cost Sharing Program](#)  
[Ordinance #15698](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15698

[15-4188](#) Bill 28 CEDC, forwarded favorably  
Amending the 2021 Federal Grants Fund budget by creating the position of Homeless Services Coordinator within the Department of Community Development to provide coordination and support for the initiatives of the Allentown Commission on Homelessness. This position is funded through COVID ESG funds.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 28 Homeless Coordinator](#)  
[Homeless Services Coordinator Job Description](#)  
[Ordinance #15699](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if it is possible that Council gets a copy of the job description and salary at some point.



Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that the job description is in there.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she was definitely happy for this one.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated absolutely Mr. Zucal.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15699

[15-4189](#)

Bill 29 Parks and Rec, this evening  
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Thousand (\$7,000) Dollars from City Center Allentown to provide background checks and American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Course fees for City of Allentown resident hires in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 29 City Center Donation - Summer Hires](#)  
[Ordinance #15700](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this is a great program to allow City Center. This \$7,000 is just for Allentonians, the kids in Allentown so they can become lifeguards. She thanked JB Reilly. Last year, we asked for \$5,000 and we did not use it. This year she asked for \$7,000. He is always there and said yes. She thanked JB and said this is going to be a game-changer for the kids in Allentown to be able to get summer jobs.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated well said Ms. Affa. He asked if there were any further comments from the dais.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he would add too that for some young people this is an impediment for them to apply for these jobs. The application fee. It is a great thing too. He would likewise wants to commend City Center for stepping up and doing this. It is a great help to the community.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is and seconded that again. He asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the administration.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated the he echoes Ms. Affa and Mr. Hendricks. City Center has been a real good partner with us. As Mr. Hendricks states some kids don't go forth for a lifeguard or playground staffers because they

don't have the funds to get the background checks. This is a God sent for these children.

Ms. Candida Affa stated to add to that the lifeguard training is expensive.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it is very expensive. It costs hundreds of dollars for the training and to get certified.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he hopes that they can open the pools this year and everything will be fine.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the administration or the public.

#### REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15700

#### [15-4190](#)

Bill 30 Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy, forwarded favorably  
Amending the Ethics Code by adding language on conflict of interests clarifying a prohibition of using your 'position' in any way to result in a personal or financial benefit to yourself or associated person or entity as defined.

**Sponsors:** Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

**Attachments:** [Bill 30 Ethics Amendment](#)  
[Ordinance #15701](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

#### REFERRED TO RULES, CHAMBERS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15701

#### [15-4191](#)

Bill 31  
Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Allentown by repealing Section 1314.02.C.4 (7) of the Zoning Ordinance with respect to the prohibition of on-site frying of foods in the Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay District (TNDO) in its entirety, providing for a repealer clause, a severability clause and an effective date.

**Sponsors:** Guridy and Mota

**Attachments:** [Bill 31 On Site Frying Repealer](#)  
[TNDO District Map](#)  
[City PC Staff Report](#)  
[Referral Letter](#)  
[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding Bill 31](#)  
[Frying in the TNDO Zoning District](#)  
[Receipt Lehigh County Law Department](#)  
[Legal Ad](#)  
[Bill 31 On Site Frying Mailing Labels](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that there was a group of people outside because they heard that we were going to discuss Bill 31.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that we are not going to discuss this as much.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was going to be introduced.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is going to be referred to the Allentown and Lehigh Valley Planning Commissions. Once the Planning Commissions finish, they will bring it back and hopefully it is passed and it will make it into law or change and/or repeal the Zoning Ordinance. He stated that is something that he and Ms. Mota introduced because so many calls they had gotten for the codified laws that were on the books that were back in the 30s, 40s, and 50s. Perhaps we did not have the infrastructure that we have now and the developments that they have in technology in kitchens and restaurants throughout the city. He feels that it is an issue and got a lot of complaints that people deal with this while some people used their own restaurants were not dealing with this before. Now, this somehow came into light and now they are enforcing it in the Zoning Department.

#### REFERRED TO ALLENTOWN AND LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSIONS

[15-4192](#)

Bill 32 Public Safety, this evening  
Amending Part Seven, General Offenses Code, of the Codified Ordinances of Allentown, Pennsylvania creating Article 717 – B.Y.O.B. Establishment, by creating a new Article entitled “B.Y.O.B. Establishment”.

**Sponsors:** Affa, Guridy, Hendricks and Mr. Zucal

**Attachments:** [Bill 32 BYOB Ordinance](#)  
[Ordinance #15702](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the

administration or the public.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated no comments.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15702

[15-4170](#)

Bill 33 Public Safety, this evening  
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Forty Thousand Seven Hundred One Dollar and Forty-Five Cents (\$40,701.45) from FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department for COVID-19 related expenses to purchase PPE and related supplies.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 33 FEMA COVID19 Fire Grant](#)  
[Ordinance #15703](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15703

[15-4198](#)

Bill 34 Budget and Finance, Forwarded favorably  
Amending the 2021 General Fund and Risk Management Fund budget to accommodate the reorganization of positions to allow the Department of Finance to operate more efficiently.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 34 Finance Reorg](#)  
[Financial Analyst Job Desc](#)  
[Payroll Administrator Description](#)  
[Ordinance #15705](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15705

[15-4197](#)

Bill 35 CEDC, forwarded favorably  
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) Dollars from Patient First to provide supplies for those volunteering to work the COVID

vaccination clinic.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 35 Patient First COVID Clinic Donations](#)  
[Ordinance #15704](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais, the administration or the public.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15704

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

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that on April 21st you should start the meeting at 10:00 in the morning because you have 16 Ordinances for discussion. It is going to be a long night. it will be a good night. He stated to Mr. Guridy and Council, it was an excellent meeting tonight.

**ADJOURNED: 7:51 PM**