



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, June 2, 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

Approval of Minutes:

[15-4309](#)

March 17, 2021 Committee of the Whole - Homeless Strategic Plan Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [March 17, 2021 Committee of the Whole - Homeless Strategic Plan Meeting Minutes](#)

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

[15-4331](#) March 17, 2021 City Council Public Hearing Meeting Minutes - Bill 4

Attachments: [March 17, 2021 City Council Public Hearing Meeting Minutes - Bill 4](#)

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

[15-4334](#) April 7, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 7, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

[15-4337](#) April 21, 2021 Public Hearing Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer Request Zandys Holding Minutes

Attachments: [April 21, 2021 Public Hearing Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer Request Zandys Holding Minutes](#)

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

[15-4340](#) April 21, 2021 Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 21, 2021 Contract Approval Meeting 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 the Tyler Fatzinger thing come up again with Fairview Cemetery. He and Mr. Hendricks are going to try to arrange a meeting with Mr. Fatzinger and Mr. Boyko and try to get some remedy for this. This is going to be an ongoing thing. The least they can do is try to intervene and keep some peace. He agrees with Mr. Fatzinger, if he wants to do it for free, he does not know what the other issues are. Hopefully, we can get something resolved.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if Mr. Zucal and Mr. Hendricks can tell him when the meeting is. He did have a meeting at one time with Mr. Boyko and maybe they can talk a little bit to make it easy.

Mayor Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Zucal for doing that. He would like to be invited. Maybe it is a liability issue. Maybe it could be a simple insurance contract. They are inexpensive.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated whatever it is, they probably can come to an agreement. He stated if not, the city did their best.

Communications: NONE

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 6:30 pm on a proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance 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 (INDO) in its entirety, providing for a repealed clause, a severability clause and an effective date. The effect of the repeal of this section of the Zoning Ordinance would permit on-site frying of foods in the INDO Overlay District. City Council may adopt this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting at 7:00 pm immediately following this Public Hearing.

SPECIAL MEETING -

Council will hold a special meeting on July 21st at 5:30 PM to listen to the stakeholder presentation on co-responder models to emergency calls.

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Mota

The committee met on May 26th; the next meeting is scheduled for June 9th at 6:00 PM.

CDC: Chair, Gerlach, Guridy, Affa

The committee met on May 26th; the next meetings is scheduled for June 9th at 6:15 PM.

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

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; 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 June 9 at 5:30 PM.

Public Safety: Chair Mota, Hendricks, Zucal

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

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting will be scheduled prior to the next council meeting..

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

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated at the last meeting, it was recorded, but it was a technical issue so it was not broadcast live. At the meeting, the item that was before the committee was tabled and the Solicitor's office was given direction to look at some specific measures related to enforcement which they will do and report back to Council for Council to act as it will.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Kloiber. He stated well said and thank you for pointing that out.

Controllers Report

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he has a Report first quarter of the Pension Funds. Pension Funds finished very strongly at the end of 2020. Stock and Bond gains were continue into the first quarter of 2021. The Police Fund is up almost \$5 million. The Fire Fund is up \$3.5 million. The O&E Fund is down \$20,000 - \$30,000. Council has to remember that the O&E Fund is very mature fund and has one active employee. In the not so distant future, Council will have to update the Pension Ordinances for both Police and Fire. He will have Audit Reports at the next meeting.

Administration Report

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he has a Proclamation honoring Emergency Medical Services Week in Allentown.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that they stepped up to the plate during this Covid too. They worked so hard working with Vicky and we are lucky to have them.

[15-4341](#) Controller's Info

Attachments: [1st QUARTER 2021 SUMMARY OF PENSION CASH FLOWS](#)
[Accounts Payable Review - June 3 Issued](#)

APPOINTMENTS:

[15-4303](#) Phoebe Harris, Council of Youth, 07/01/2025

Attachments: [Phoebe Harris, Council of Youth, 07-01-2025](#)
[Resolution #30210](#)

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

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that all of Council knows them.

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

Enactment No: 30210

[15-4304](#) Frederick Montgomery, Council of Youth, 07/01/2025

Attachments: [Frederick Montgomery, Council of Youth, 07-01-2025](#)
[Resolution #30211](#)

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

Mr. Julio Guridy stated same comments as Ms. Phoebe.

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

Enactment No: 30211

[15-4305](#) Knoxley Samms, Council of Youth, 07/01/2024

Attachments: [Knoxley Samms, Council of Youth, 07-01-2024](#)
[Resolution #30212](#)

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

Mr. Julio Guridy stated same comments.

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

Enactment No: 30212

[15-4306](#) Edward White, Council of Youth, 07/01/2024

Attachments: [Edward White, Council of Youth, 07-01-2024](#)
[Resolution #30213](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that Mr. White is part of DeMolay and has been working for that organization for probably since he was that age. He stated that Mr. White is an outstanding choice for this as well as the others.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks mimicked Mr. Zucal's comments about Mr. White.

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

Mr. Edward White stated that he is sorry he could not attend tonight's meeting in person. However, he still wants to take the opportunity to thank Allentown's Mayor O'Connell for nominating him as a inaugural member of the city's new Council of Youth. He stated that he appreciates the support

of his continued efforts for the youth of our city. He also wants to thank him for all that he is doing for the youth of our city during his 50 years of public service as a teacher, administrator, member of City Council, president of City Council, Interim Mayor and Mayor of our great city. As a founder and chairperson for the Board of Directors of the Allentown citywide initiative of youth, a registered Pennsylvania nonprofit organization, he is committed to continuing to help provide information, resources, and tools to Allentown's youth and their families in helping them succeed in their education and employment activities in life in general. In the event that Council approves his nomination add this. He wishes to say thank you to the members of Allentown City council for their support and vote of confidence in approving the Mayor's nomination of him to the Council of Youth. As a member of Allentown's Council of Youth, he pledged to do everything he can to help all youth and families of the city by carrying out its purpose as authorized by the ordinance establishing it pursuant to Bill 66 -2019 which added Article 180B to Part I of the City's Administrative Code, as passed by City Council on December 17, 2019, and signed by the Mayor on December 18, 2019. Now, it's time to get to work. Thank you.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that all the candidates are known Hispanics and the majority of the youth that are in the city are Hispanic. We are going to make sure we get some Hispanic candidates here as well. He stated that they will continue to work on that. He has a couple of people that he is going to bring up and make sure they get their applications and send it over to the Mayor.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that this is a good start. These people have been involved in the community for a long time. It is a good start. He believes it is a 15 member Commission.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated either 13 or 15.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that there will be more coming. Tell them to get their application in so he can bring them forth in June and July.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they will continue to do that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it is a good start.

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

Enactment No: 30213

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-4271](#)

Bill 43

Amending the 2021 Grant Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eight Million (\$8,000,000) Dollars. This was the result of a Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project grant for the Riverfront Revitalization Project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 43 Riverfront Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15713](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if anybody from the administration wants to talk about this.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it was in committee last week.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it passed favorably.

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: 15713

[15-4278](#)

Bill 44

Supplementing Part One, Administrative Code, Title Eleven, Authorities, Boards and Commissions of the Codified Ordinances of Allentown, Pennsylvania, by adding a new Article 171B entitled "Campaign Finance Regulations". The legislation is based on Campaign Finance legislation used in Pittsburgh. It fixes the contribution limit to the federal limits, currently there are no limits – this would limit individuals to \$2,900 to campaign, eliminate stacking, limit PAC Contributions to \$5000 a candidate. Contributions could not exceed the limitations that are in effect and published by the Federal Election Commission as of the first day of that same calendar year. Political contribution limits for donations made by a political committee to a candidate committee shall be the same as the federal contribution limit for "PAC-Multicandidate" that makes contributions to "candidate committees."

Sponsors: Gerlach and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [Bill 44 Campaign Finance](#)
[CF Court Decision](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-4284](#)

R73

Authorizes an encroachment requested by Two City Center for an outdoor

patio area at 645 W Hamilton Street, exceeds the 1/3 rule.

Attachments: [R73 645 Hamilton Street Encroachment](#)
[645 Hamilton Encroachment Application](#)
[Resolution #30214](#)

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that IT was able to upload the Rules and Chambers meeting.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated thank you. He asked if Mr. Messinger wants to talk about R73.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that there is a permanent encroachment there for the Hamilton Restaurant. They plan on making some changes to it and actually putting a some structure, a wooden structure to shade the people in certain tables out there. Public Works felt it was good to bring it in front of you again just so you could see the differences. Right now, their temporary tables, the planters, and the gas lines that would go for the heaters. Now, they are going to put a little bit of a structure there and it is going to be an open canopy. They will be able to open it and close it along with the structure. It just felt it was good still to bring it in front of you. There are no issues with it. It is just for the one third.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked fi they were going to encroach a little bit more of what is available right now of the sidewalk.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated no. They are not encroaching anymore. It is going to be a little structure that is there so they can have some foldable canopies to be able to cover the area or open it up.

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: 30214

[15-4285](#)

R74

Authorizes an encroachment requested by City Center Investment Corporation for 107 N 7th Street on N. Church Street for a retaining wall, traffic bollard, pedestrian access barrier w/gate, bridge column (2), pedestrian bridge, trash cans (2), bike rack (10), bus shelter (3) and a digital sign, exceeds the 1/3 rule.

Attachments: [R74 107 N 7th Street Encroachment](#)
[107 N 7th Encroachment Application](#)
[Resolution #30215](#)

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

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach wanted to confirm that this is from Google Maps is this the parking lot besides where Cochiefreda's and the apartment building.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is going along Church Street where the Transportation Center is and the new apartments that are being built on Seventh and Linden.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked about the bus shelter and stated that she looked at the feet. It is like seven feet. She stated that she is assuming it is going to be the traditional larger bus shelter. It is not those new ones with the seat and the solar panel at the top.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that these are not that. They are a structure itself. These are all amenities due to the upgrades at the ATC. There is going to be people funneled a certain. There are no issues. It is for the bike racks. It is just one third into the right-a-way.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if it is going to be a pedestrian bridge there. The Parking Deck is across the street, the Arts Parking Deck.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that is for the overhead for the apartments and the parking deck. The Parking Deck for the Transportation Center. It is the same side. Crossing the Church Street. Everything is on the half street on Church Street between where the apartments are going and where they are doing the Transportation.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated the same side.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he would love to see another rendering. He asked if there were any other comments.

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

Enactment No: 30215

[15-4286](#)

R75

Authorizes an encroachment requested by the Parking Authority at 112 N 6th Street for a pedestrian access barrier on N Sixth and N Church and two traffic bollards on N Church Street

Attachments: [R75 112 N 6th Street Encroachment](#)
[112 N 6th Street Encroachment Application](#)
[Resolution #30216](#)

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

or the dais.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated no. It is an encroachment.

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

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

Enactment No: 30216

[15-4332](#)

R76

RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION AND SUPPORT OF THE CULTURAL COALITION OF ALLENTOWN'S INCLUSION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS CREATIVE COMMUNITIES PILOT INITIATIVE

Attachments: [R76 TANGO PROGRAM](#)

[Resolution #30217](#)

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

Mr. Sean King, Cultural Coalition of Allentown, thanked everyone for the time on the Agenda. There are some exciting news to working with the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts two years ago launch a program called the Creative Communities Initiatives that garnered about 108 different communities throughout the state of Pennsylvania to be funded by the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts. They finished fifth out of 108. They were selected as the two additional communities. They want to put Allentown front and center in terms of the creative economy and making Allentown 2030 Plan come to life.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. King and asked if there were any questions from the dais.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she is reading through this proposal and there is a section that talks about Artist owned Housing.

Mr. Sean King stated that they are at the mercy of the housing market. The Arts Museum was under different leadership and they had looked at the space on Linden Street. They are looking at several communities across the country. They want to work closely aligned with the Community and Economic Development and some of the blighted properties to carve out a niche a few blocks in a concentrated area. Their goal is where they are in the rebound and recovery. They are not sure they will be able to accomplish it in the first year or three.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach thanked Mr. King.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. King and stated that he appreciates it.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she believes several years ago going back four or five years ago. This was addressed with a area or district at 10th or 11th and Hamilton. She stated homeownership with their studio at the bottom.

Mr. Sean King stated exactly. It is called live, work spaces. He stated that they would love to work with the city and Community and Economic Development. It will take the banks and the financing arms. It does not take much because they bring the creativity with them. They want to do a Pilot Program for a year or two and replicate it throughout the city.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that he is right. It does not have to be Hamilton Street. It could be Seventh Street. She stated that she loves the idea.

Mr. Julio Guridy congratulated Mr. King for doing this type of program. He stated that he loves the program. He would like the city to continue to support artists. He asked if there were any other questions from the dais.

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

Enactment No: 30217

[15-4302](#)

R77
Police Officer Appointment

Attachments: [R77 Hiring Patrolman - Martin](#)
[Resolution #30218](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if the Chief speaking on that.

Captain Jim Gress stated that he is here with Chief Granitz and Assistant Chief Rocca. Dakota Martin is certified under Act 120 as a Police Officer. He has experience working down in the Bucks County area as a police officer. He was hired under the Bill 66 list. That gives them the ability to work under the budget amount of 222. He extended appreciation to HR because they worked hand in hand on this entire process.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Captain Gress and stated that Council will put this to vote.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks commended the staff of the Police Department as this saves the city a lot of money and time when we hire an officer who is already certified. He is able to go on the street after a short duration of

learning Allentown Police Department's laws in Allentown. He is immediately available to go on patrol.

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

Yes: 5 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

No: 2 - Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30218

[15-4301](#)

R78

Approves the submission for funding for the Emergency Shelters from Pennsylvania DCED for Rapid Rehousing, Emergency Shelter and Temporary Shelter

Attachments: [R78 PA DCED ESG GRANT](#)

[Resolution #30219](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked who will speak about this. He asked if Mr. Lightner is available.

Ms. Maria Quigney stated that this is an Emergency Shelter CV grant from the state. They are asking for approval for submission of this grant for \$55,000. It would be for Rapid Rehousing, Emergency Shelter, and Homelessness. The grant is due to the state at the end of the week. This will be the city's second state ESG, if we are awarded.

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

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she is not sure if Ms. Quigney could commit to this at this meeting. More than likely the city will received this grant as they typically do. Is there or could there be an effort within CEDC or the administration to ensure that future that emergency funds are not giving to shelters that discriminate against people.

Ms. Maria Quigney stated yes. They are checking into all of our agencies and making sure that they are not discriminating.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated thank you. He asked if there were any further comments from the dais. Any comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 30219

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

[15-4325](#)

Bill 45 Request to Vote on Amending the 2021 General Fund by transferring Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred (\$420,7000) Dollars from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to enable replacement of the existing chiller and four (4) pumps which are no longer working.

Attachments: [Bill 45 Chiller Replacement](#)
[Chiller Pumps Proposal Letter](#)
[Chiller Proposal Letter](#)
[Ordinance #15714](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked who will speak about this.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated Mr. Messinger. The Chiller is in the back. We need the four pumps. We need it.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is for replacement of a system that is shot. That is why we have a temporary system sitting outside so at this point in time, it does seem like a lot of money for that, but it is a system that is a 225 ton system. It is all new pumps. It is everything that is necessary to keep us in business for the next 20 years. It is unfortunately, but it needs to be replaced.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the reason he wanted to find out is because he heard it was coming out of the country, from Canada. When is it coming. What is going on?

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that we have the Chiller there for two months. For when they did the Change Order at the last Council meeting. The first month of the rental was there to keep us going. The second month is when they will be putting it in.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked where does it go? In the basement or the roof. Does it make loud noise?

Mr. Theodore Berger stated that the Chiller is down in the basement where Council parks. There is a mechanical room down below the rear elevator. That is where all the heating and cooling components are for the City Hall and Public Safety. The old one made quite a loud noise.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated as advisement of the Clerk, they will need six or seven votes to approve this tonight.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked why is that.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that under Council Rules, Final Passage of an Ordinance, a minimum 14 days must intervene between introduction and passage of an Ordinance unless Council finds and declares a public emergency posing a sudden clear and present danger of life or property or Council may have an affirmative vote of six (6) of seven (7) members reduce or eliminate the 14 day period between the introduction or passage of any ordinance. He recommended Council making a motion to eliminate the 14 day period for this. If there is a second, have a vote on that. If you get six people that agree on that, then you vote on the actual ordinance.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he does not think there will be anyone that will not vote on this. If they get six or seven people to vote, it will be ok.

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

Enactment No: 15714

[15-4289](#)

Bill 46 Parks and Recreation, forwarded favorably
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars from Giant Food Stores for the purchase of Foamstream Equipment as part of the Non-Toxic Neighborhoods Initiative

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 46 Giant Food Store Donation](#)
[Ordinance #15715](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15715

[15-4290](#)

Bill 47 Parks and Recreation, forwarded favorably
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars from Alvin H. Butz, Inc. for the purchase of Summer Welcome Bags as a hiring incentive for seasonal staff hires in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 47 Alvin Butz Donation](#)
[Ordinance #15716](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated Alvin Butz which is a company. He asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15716

[15-4291](#)

Bill 48 Parks and Recreation, forwarded favorably Amending the 2021 Trexler Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents. (\$301,767.50) from the Trexler Trust as the balance of the 2021 contribution per General Trexler's will.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 48 Trexler Additional Appropriation](#)
[Ordinance #15717](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15717

[15-4292](#)

Bill 49 Discussion and passage Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Million Three Hundred Forty-One Thousand One Hundred Seventeen (\$2,341,117) Dollars. This was the result of payment from UGI for the construction of ADA handicap ramps, milling and paving streets under the City's Utility Paving Program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 49 Utility Paving Program](#)
[Ordinance #15720](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-4297](#)

Bill 50 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably Amending the 2021 General Fund budget to add one (1) Accountant position at a Paygrade 13N at an annual salary of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to enable the City to have the resources to design a vision of the accounting, reconciliation and reporting procedures with respect to the American Rescue Plan Act funds that will allow the City to swiftly and accurately comply with Federal Audits.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 50 Accountant Position](#)
[ACCOUNTANT JOB DESCRIPTION](#)
[Ordinance #15721](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15721

[15-4298](#)

Bill 51 Public Safety, this evening
Amending the Civil Service Board (CSB) Rules for Police Officers that were adopted pursuant to the provisions of Article 155 of the Codified Ordinances by revising the Part II, Rule 1, Section 4 by revising and adding automatic disqualifiers for the hiring process for Rules Governing Appointment of Police Officers Pursuant to the Competitive Examination Process and also revising the same rules in Part III, Rule I, Section 4 of the Rules Governing Appointment of Police Officers Without Competition.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 51 Police Civil Service Rule Change](#)
[Ordinance #15722](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15722

[15-4300](#)

Bill 52 CEDC, forwarded favorably
An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 52 CDBG Account Set Up](#)
[Ordinance #15724](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15724

[15-4296](#)

Bill 53 Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy, this evening

Charter Amendment on 5 mile radius requirement: All such heads of departments, offices, and agencies, need not be residents of the City at the time of appointment, but shall legally reside within five (5) miles of the City's borders within twelve (12) months of being appointed. The appointment will terminate automatically twelve months after the appointment if the residency requirement has not been met. This provision shall apply to appointments under the requirements of the Charter.

Attachments: [Bill 53 Residency Requirement Ordinance #15666](#)

[Ordinance #15666](#)

[Ordinance #15726](#)

[Letter to Tim Benyo re Ordinance #15726 – To Extend The Geographic Limits of the City Requirement for City Heads of Departments, Offices and Agencies](#)

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

REFERRED TO RULES, CHAMBERS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15726

[15-4330](#)

Bill 54 Public Safety, this evening

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Thousand Four Hundred (\$2,400) Dollars from Good Shepherd for the purchase of radio transmitter bracelets for Project Lifesaver clients.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 54 Project Lifesaver](#)

[Ordinance #15723](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15723

[15-4336](#)

Bill 55 Parks and Recreation, forwarded favorably

Amending the 2021 Trexler Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars from the Trexler Trust

to support the Romper Day Program.

Attachments: [Bill 55 Romper Day Grant](#)

[Ordinance #15718](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15718

[15-4333](#)

Bill 56

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$562,000) from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Immunization to assist the City's Health Bureau to accomplish COVID-19 vaccinations, routine vaccines for Children and Act 317 Vaccinations.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 56 Immunization Grant](#)

[IMMUNIZATION GRANT LINE ITEM DETAIL](#)

[Ordinance #15725](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15725

[15-4326](#)

Bill 57 Parks and Recreation, forwarded favorably

Amendment Needed: to increase borrowing to \$375,000 for a feasibility study on revenue and course improvements and yearly pay back of \$125,000.

An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Allentown authorizing a loan from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund, in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) Dollars to the City's Golf Fund.

Attachments: [Bill 57 2021 GOLF FUND LOAN](#)

[Golf Course Loan Details](#)

[Ordinance #15719](#)

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

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15719

RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):

[15-4299](#) R79 CEDC, forwarded favorably
Approves the Submission of the Action Plan to the United States
Department of Housing and Urban Development

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R79 CDBG ACTION PLAN](#)
[Resolution #30230](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if anyone wants to speak on this.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it should be referred to CD.

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

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 30230

[15-4307](#) R80 Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy, this
evening
Amends Council Rules by starting the meetings at 6:30 PM, putting
Contract Approvals under the Order of Business, creating a Consent
Agenda and 'codifying' the practice the body has used to change their
rules.

Sponsors: Affa, Guridy, Mota and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [R80 Council Rules](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 30237

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he had a conversation with Chief Granitz today
with regard to the K-9 Program. Recently, the city has lost a couple of dogs
due to cancer and some other things. It came to his attention last week that
they are basically begging people and having fund raisers to get new dogs.
He stated that is pretty embarrassing for a city our size. He stated don't get

him wrong, there are a good will people like Gail Hoover that have donated two or three dogs. We are always going to have those people and that is much appreciated and anyone else whoever gave the city a dog. With the budget that the city has, it costs \$14,000 for the dog and the initial training. He stated that he doesn't think it is a lot of money. Upon speaking with Chief Granitz they did manage to raise money for the two dogs that have passed. He will personally like to add a couple more dogs to the fleet. He is asking Mike and Mr. Glazier and get with them and put something together for Council for the future.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she is the chairperson of Public Safety and would like to be involved.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated absolutely. It will be brought from Public Safety. He stated that they had a Referendum about Council being allowed to hire their own attorney. He stated that Mike checked with most of them to check to see if anybody had any ideas. They have come up with a couple of names. He asked Mike to come up with the requirements that are going to be required of that person and then we will bring something again as a whole to the body.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the major issue is that they are paying \$25,000 - \$35,000. It is a limited thing. It is not lime they will have someone here full-time, but is what we are looking for. A limited amount of money.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that \$35,000 has been suggested. He stated Bethlehem is \$25,000. You want to use the Bethlehem model.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there was any other new business.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he has one thing personally. His son was given his trophy today for Allen's 2021 top cross country running. He also received a senior male athlete award. His daughter got a full scholarship to Kutztown University for Elementary Education minus books.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks congratulated Mr. Zucal and said to please commend his wife.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated this son was the last guy he thought would be a runner. He is a video game expert. He did truly take up running. He stated it is a shame that he did not start as a freshman. He played a little football then. He got himself a scholarship. It turns out that he is a natural runner. He stated that he is very proud of them.

Mr. Julio Guridy congratulated Mr. Zucal. He stated that they are looking to

start next month to open Council Chambers. He highly recommended that every Councilmember get their vaccine.

ADJOURNED: 8:03 PM