



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Candida Affa

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. Lou Hershman, 405 Gilmore Street, stated that tonight the Mayor presented the Budget. He didn't present all the budgets. He asked about the Five Year Capital Plan. He asked about the annual Actuarial Study. He asked about the Operations Manager position and the Charter. When was the last time City Council looked at the personnel code. He asked about amnesty for people that are delinquent for over two years.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it will be introduced tonight.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is every two years.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that the city just received the 2016 Actuarial Study from Cheiron.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Hershman

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker, 844 S. 11th Street, asked about the 2006 Loan Fund and how you will address that next year. He asked if the city will continue to pay interest and principal on that lockbox. He asked if it was legal on what they did.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked Mr. Hartzell to answer the question. He asked has the data been reliable. He suggested to Mr. Hahn to read the auditor's report and the CAFR.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that the story of the lockbox is such that at this point we consider that our General Fund reserves and we are treating it as

such. We are always looking to minimize the cost. He stated that anything in which principal is owed we pay timely. The CAFR indicates what we are doing with the money. We keep getting clean opinions.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that it is a misconception there. In the non-pooled cash the 2006 Loan Fund is actually an asset. The underline debt that created it would be listed in the Budget Book under Debt Service Fund. He stated that we have discussed this issue at length.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked anyone else for Courtesy of the Floor.

Mr. Tom Hahn, 2016 E. Highland Street, stated that he hold in front of him on page 527 a document that talks about deposits and comingling negative cash balance and temporary balance fund and investment fund. He asked for an update on that report.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked what page from the Charter.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated in the budget book on page 503.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that is the Investment Committee that we formed years ago.

Mr. Craig Freedoland, 517 1/2 N. Howard Street, stated that he appreciates everyone what they do. He spoke about the Allentown Parking Authority and the best way for them to operate. There has to be more solutions. The board hasn't been able to solve concerns and/or problems. He stated that there has to be a better way.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that you can attend the Parking Authority's board meetings.

Mr. Jeffrey Sanchez, 46 N. Tenth Street, stated that he is an out of state investor and having trouble opening his business. It takes too long opening up a business.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that he sees the email chain go back and forth about the permits.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that several weeks ago when Mr. Sanchez's issue came before us since business license is under his jurisdiction we are doing nothing in finance to necessarily hold up anything in terms of the business license. The Planning Department was waiting for Mr. Sanchez.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Sanchez.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he called me and asked you to come over. He talked to Mr. Carmen Dragotta. He is going to personally look to see if we need more people. There are issues with the zoning rules and codes that are a little bit more stringent.

Mr. Michael Kaminski, 779 Benton Street, asked about Section 802 and 803 of the City Charter and the submission of a balance budget and Capital Program. He thinks something needs to be added that the public and Council should be the Budget at least 24 hours prior to the Mayor's presentation. He asked about a forensic audit for the city. If we can control the meters on Sunday, can we control the times during the day.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that there is a Bill that we are introducing tonight about the parking. We will look at that stuff. They are good suggestions.

Mr. Robert Trotner, 1920 Whitehall Street, stated that the city's parking ordinance was one of the worst decisions that Council took. He is glad they are revisiting that. He just saw tonight that there is a \$12.5 million Bond Issue that will be discussed tonight.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated \$11.5 million.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that it is a refinancing and probably going things before the Lease. It will be introduced tonight and Monday is when this actually come up for discussion. We were able with help from PFM to get interest rate savings. A lot of our debt is at the lowest rate.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that it will be discussed Monday. He asked anyone else for Courtesy of the Floor.

Approval of Minutes:

Yes: 7 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

[15-1174](#) September 21, 2016 Special Meeting Contract Review and Approval Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [91 September 21, 2016 Special Meeting Contract Review and Approval Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1182](#) October 5, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [94 October 5, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Old Business: NONE

Communications: NONE

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Unless otherwise noted, issues sent to committee will be reviewed during the respective budget hearings.

Controller's Report: NONE

[15-1170](#) September 14, 2016 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [90 September 14, 2016 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1160](#) September 21, 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [87 September 21, 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1178](#) October 5, 2016 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [92 October 5, 2016 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1179](#) October 5, 2016 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [93 October 5, 2016 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1161](#) October 19, 2016 Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [88 October 19, 2016 Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1162](#) October 20, 2016 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [89 October 20, 2016 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

APPOINTMENTS: NONE

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE: NONE

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE: NONE

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

[15-1171](#) Bill 60
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INCURRENCE OF NONELECTORAL INDEBTEDNESS AND THE ISSUANCE OF A SERIES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN A MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO ELEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,500,000); PROVIDING FOR

MAXIMUM INTEREST RATES, MAXIMUM MATURITY AMOUNTS AND PLACE OF PAYMENT IN RESPECT TO THE BONDS; SETTING FORTH THE PARAMETERS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICERS TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PREPARATION, CERTIFICATION AND FILING OF THE PROCEEDINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND SETTING FORTH A FORM OF BOND.

Attachments: [Bill 60 CITY OF ALLENTOWN 2017 BONDS - ORDINANCE - 2](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that the Mr. Shearer will be here from PFM on Monday. The will be the first Budget Hearing. Any comments from my colleagues about Bill 60 or the public.

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

[15-1172](#)

Bill 61 Refer to Public Works, November 9
Amending Articles 533, Parking Meters the City of Allentown by changing the hours of operation of on street parking meters from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM (rather than 10PM) in the central business district; and from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM (rather than 10:00 PM) in areas outside the business district.

Sponsors: Guridy, McGuire, MacLean, O'Connell, Hendricks, Affa and Mota

Attachments: [Bill 61 Parking Meters](#)
[ParkingMeterMap_CBD \(002\)](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked his colleagues. It is a Bill that he is introducing. Ms. Dolan from the Parking Authority supports the decrease of hours throughout the city with the exception of the business district.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Guridy and asked any other comments from my colleagues or the public. He stated going from 10:00 PM back to 6:00 PM, that is a good move. Go from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM that is a start.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-1173](#)

Bill 62 Refer to Public Safety, November 14
Amending the 2016 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty (\$50) Dollars as a result of a donation from Rebecca Robertson to be used toward the purchase of a Reeves Stretcher by Emergency Medical Services.

Attachments: [Bill 62 EMS Donation](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Budget Bills Forthcoming

RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

[15-1180](#)

R170

Recommends A Capital Improvements Program for 2017 - 2021

Attachments: [R170 Recommends A Capital Improvements Program for 2017 - 2021](#)
[2017-2021 Capital Projects \(002\)](#)

15-1214

R170

Capital Projects will be reviewed at appropriate budget meetings

Recommends A Capital Improvements Program for 2017 - 2021

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that we got the booklets and it will be discussed when we have the Budget Hearings.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they had a meeting to discuss Calle Siete - Seventh Street and that Bill was tabled. We promised we would have a community meeting. He asked the committee and who co-sponsored the Bill to keep it tabled. He will have a meeting with the community. They are looking at alternatives.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if they should bring it back here or forward to table.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that we would have a community meeting. Dr. McGuire wanted to do something with Inclusionary Zoning in four weeks. He stated that the tabled item has to be reintroduced as a Bill.

Dr. David McGuire stated that his recollection is that I did ask that Calle Siete to be tabled for a month to see what happens.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he doesn't think so. They have done this before and was able to bring it back.

Ms. Susan Wild stated you have to ask for it to be put back on the agenda.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that when someone makes a motion to table, when you want to bring it back from being tabled someone makes a motion to

bring it back.

ADJOURNED: 7:51 PM

[15-523](#) Committee Members

Attachments: [Committee Members - 2016](#)

[15-382](#) Council Rules

Attachments: [Council Rules](#)

[15-1159](#) Budget Schedule

Attachments: [Budget Schedule Final](#)