



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Council President O'Connell

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

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

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. Lou Hershman, 405 N. Gilmore Street, asked about the Mayors' pictures and in December of 2016 Council approved a Bond Issue. He asked what were the savings of the Bond Issue? What was the purpose of the refunding? He asked about rental license fees, if the homeowner is not renting the home.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that he doesn't see Mr. Hartzel, Director of Finance here. He stated that it is not homeownership at this point.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that the reason that they are charged the rental license is because it is a non-owner occupied property. If it is not an owner-occupied, then it is considered a rental.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he agrees with Mr. Hershman. Let's say I retire and I want to go to Florida for the winter and my family and kids live in the home. I would have to pay \$75 for rental.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that it is considered a non-owner occupied property.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Mr. Hershman has a valid point.

Mr. Lou Hershman stated that this person's mother died and no one is moving in.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker, 845 S. 11th Street, stated that the \$75, the Mayor in his talks to Business Matters claims there are 48,000 units in the City of

Allentown. That is \$3.6 million for that inspection program. What do they do with the \$3.6 million?

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that has been brought up for years.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that the total number of housing units in approximately 48,000. The rental units in the city is probably half of that. The money is very clearly spelled out in the yearly budget. You can see the income from rental licenses and you can see the money that the department spends on various activities.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that the number of units are 48,000 for housing, but the number of rental units is 26,400 and that number fluctuates daily.

Ms. Katherine Hoffman, 1649 Linden Street, stated that she is here as a citizen who loves and cares about our environment. She asked Councilmembers to consider a Resolution calling for the US Congress to address Climate Change. It has been signed by the cities of Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Lancaster and the Borough of State College. The cities of Bethlehem and Easton are considering this Resolution.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that he will be meeting with Ms. Hoffman's group very shortly.

Ms. Patricia O'Haya, 1917 W. Allen Street, asked if Council was aware of the deplorable conditions of the paving and curbing on the north end of the area of 19th and 20th Streets.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that the complaint was sent to our office. I don't know if you spoke to Ted Berger. The sidewalks are necessary. Notices will be sent to the property owners. The road is not on the paving program for this year.

Mr. Botolerman, 1026 W. Wyoming Street, stated two doors down it is a absentee landlords at 1020 W. Wyoming Street and the house is raided because he rents to undesirables.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if Ms. Botolerman lives in the neighborhood and knows the neighbors. The most important thing you can do is to keep an eye on that house and if you see activity that is drug related, contact our vice unit.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that there is also a Disruptive Conduct Board. It doesn't have to be just drug activity, it could be loud noise. The landlord

has to get the people evicted after the third one in a year.

Dr. David McGuire asked what was the street address and the other property involved.

Mr. Botolerman stated 1026 W. Wyoming Street.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated 1020. He asked Mr. Messinger to mark down 1020 W. Wyoming Street and give to our Police Chief.

Ms. Joan Botter stated that address of 1020 W. Wyoming Street with it being a rental property, you need a rental license and she knows that it is conducting a business and you need a business license as well. She asked if the landlords can get points that they can learn to do their homework.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he was part of that committee and that did come up, however, the Disruptive Conduct process has been so successful, that we didn't want to convolute it.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she has been on the Disruptive Conduct Board for years and that has to do with tenants. That was put into legislation for that reason. For the commercial, what we are having is a point system. With the Disruptive Conduct Board, if they get three violations within one year, evict.

Mr. Kenneth Laudenslager, 721 W. Cumberland Street, this property has been a thorn in our sides for years. This is an incident where the DCR will not work because it is two different tenants. He stated that he disagrees with the city on the rental process. There has to be research to be done.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that is why we are going to look into it. The DCR does work and it is a very effective process.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Laudenslager.

Mr. Tim Ramos, 1408 W. Linden, stated that at the corner of 14th and Linden Streets there were a couple of accidents and he just bought his house last May. Within a month, three accidents. On the Southside it is the same issue. He asked about the Nuisance Ordinance and asked if Council had a relationship with businesses on Hamilton and the NIZ. He asked about the businesses on the Parkway. He stated that he is hoping that the Ordinance applies to everyone.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he knows what Mr. Ramos is speaking of. I

have a friend that lives in the block 4, last year along with the traffic engineer we were at that location.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this Ordinance/Bill is for the protection and safety of the citizens of Allentown. We want all businesses to be neighbors of ours and not of the expense that the public suffers from it. We will have an Appeals Board and they will decide yes or no. I believe that it will be fair and just.

Mr. Tim Ramos stated that he thinks that everybody can agree. He doesn't have a problem with it, but in some cases it could be a little aggressive and might set up a system of failure for our businesses.

Mr. Tom Hahn, 2016 E. Highland Street, stated that he was at a Council meeting where a discussion started on the same subject where they tried to have a tenants' list that were the destructive ones where they can't rent to another person. He asked if anyone is working on the tenants who are the destructive ones.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that landlords can do background checks on their tenants.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that it is a good idea. That process did start and fell apart.

Mr. Gaza Frye, 2667 Hamilton Boulevard - business owner, stated that he tried to reach out to City Council and the only person that was here was Julio Guridy at the time. He wanted to hire the police to basically help his business stay safe. He was denied and they discriminated against me. He stated that he believes the Mayor was telling the police that they could not work for me. He said he tried hiring the police and they refused. He stated that his business is Catch 22.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated off-duty, extra duty officers. He asked if there was a reason Mr. Frye was shutout by the Police Chief. He asked Mr. Frye to give his name, address and telephone number.

Mr. Gaza Frye stated that he was told that the police was only going to work regular hours. He has copies of emails. He has letter that was sent to the former Police Chief.

Ms. Candida Affa asked Mr. Frye if you have an unruly customer, you ask them to leave. That is what we are asking you to do.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated everybody should be treated the same. We will look into it. He asked if anyone else for Courtesy of the Floor.

Approval of Minutes:

Yes: 8 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, David McGuire, and David McGuire

[15-1413](#) January 4, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [1 January 4, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1427](#) January 11, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes - Bills 1, 2, and 3

Attachments: [3 January 11, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes - Bills 1, 2, and 3](#)

[15-1435](#) January 18, 2017 City Council Approval of Contracts Professional Services Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [6 January 18, 2017 City Council Approval of Contracts Professional Services Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1431](#) January 18, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [5 January 18, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1437](#) January 25, 2017 City Council Special Meeting Minutes - Bill 5

Attachments: [7 January 25, 2017 City Council Special Meeting Minutes - Bill 5](#)

[15-1452](#) January 30, 2017 Special Council Meeting - Managing Director Nomination Minutes

Attachments: [9 January 30, 2017 Special Council Meeting - Managing Director Nomination Minutes](#)

[15-1454](#) February 1, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [11 February 1, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1455](#) February 1, 2017 City Council Approval of Contracts Professional Services Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [12 February 1, 2017 City Council Approval of Contracts Professional Services Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1468](#) February 15, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [14 February 15, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1469](#) February 15, 2017 City Council Approval of Contracts Professional Services Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [15 February 15, 2017 City Council Approval of Contracts Professional Services Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1494](#) March 1, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [19 March 1, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1517](#) March 1, 2017 City Council Approval of Contracts Professional Services Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [20 March 1, 2017 City Council Approval of Contracts Professional Services Meeting Minutes](#)

Old Business: NONE

Communications

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that City Council held an Executive Session on March 29 at 4:30 PM with the City Solicitor, Ms. Wild to review potential litigation involving Cedar Beach Pool Renovations. He stated that tonight we have a Proclamation for Karen El Chaar for the 2016 Community Champion Award for the Pennsylvania Parks and Recreation Society (PRPS).

Ms. Cynthia Mota read the Proclamation:

Ms. Karen El Chaar thanked Council and stated that she is sincerely grateful to City Council for recognizing her contributions to the city. She would like to share the Proclamation with all the volunteers that come out and help to beautify Allentown's parks also the Allentown Parks and Recreation for providing support.

Mr. David Mickenberg, President and CEO, Allentown Art Museum, stated that he is here as President and CEO of the Allentown Art Museum as well as Chair of the city's Public Arts Committee, and Co-Chair of the Upside Allentown Strategic Leadership Group Executive Committee for Downtown. He thanked Council for putting Arts back in the budget. He showed the new mural on the Arts Walk. It was paid by City Center. It took approximately a year. There is art is the Arts Park. The endowments of the museum paid for some of this. It was great to see that the city covered some of the costs. Third Thursdays have begun. We had the largest audience in the Museum's history. We translated everything in the museum into Spanish. This is the largest attendance for the Gala. We are sold out and raised more money this year than every in the history of the Gala. Martin Luther King Day was the largest attendance of an exhibition in the history of the museum. We had close to 2,000 people that attended over a three - day period. Almost every program that is done is a collaboration. He talked about the Upside Allentown Cultural Plan. Plan 2021 is about leveraging our resources, leadership and location. The major patrons have passed away in Allentown. The museum lost \$500,000 between 2008 and

2010 in terms of annual contributions. What's going on at the federal government is the potential of taking away another \$100,000 - \$200,000 annually from us. We support sustainable organizations. There are two signature initiatives that are coming out this plan: the Neighborhood Artist and Residents Program and Innovation Challenge Grant. There is \$55,000 allocated to the Neighborhood Artist and Residents Program. The Innovation Challenge Grant is in order to make our institutions more contemporary. We are trying to strengthen city government support by arts and culture. The success measures are: we are planning on using data to measure impact, compare future data with initial baseline, the metrics of arts and cultural activities, reduce barriers of participation, increase the number of individuals for positive economic impact. What you have done allowed us to broaden the scope and reach of the arts in our community.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that it is an outstanding presentation. I believe you did it once or twice before and I appreciate that. It is always good that you are helping the Allentown School District and the children. He asked if the fourth graders come three times a year.

Mr. David Mickenberg stated the fourth graders come three times a year with this program and has been going on for 20 years which is called Discover Arts.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if The Allentown Art Museum still has the high school art exhibit for the local high school kids. He asked any questions from my colleagues.

Mr. David Mickenberg stated that they don't have the Scholastic Art Exhibit anymore, but the high schools just finished their expedition at the museum.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Mickenberg and stated wonderful presentation and a lot of work. It great we were able to support you this year and it's back in the budget. He asked about the Neighborhood Artists and Residents Program. You mentioned the Jordan Heights area. The Casa Guadalupe Organization and a member of the Board and the area is the poorest neighborhood in the region and gets overlooked.

Mr. David Mickenberg stated you started to do and until the Arts are back in city government we were no longer applicable from the Bloomberg Foundation or from Art Space. There was a \$2 million offering/proposal from Bloomberg two years ago. We are getting to the point of attracting attention of other organizations and the city to leverage the dollars. He stated that he agrees with Mr. Guridy and don't mistake that since we started with this first one there are two other funded residency programs that are being looked at. We need to find artists that live in those areas

and work with them and get them to help develop the program.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she would like to say thank you publicly for what you did. I called you and asked if you could take 100 kids and bring them to the museum and you did that great tour. Those kids have never been in a museum before. You spent a couple of hours and it was a great empowerment for those kids.

Mr. David Mickenberg stated that it was a pleasure.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota

The Committee met last week; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Community and Economic Development: Chair McGuire, Guridy, Mota

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; a future meeting has not yet scheduled.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Affa, MacLean, McGuire

The Committee met this evening; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Affa, O'Connell

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; a future meeting is not yet scheduled.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, MacLean, Affa

The Committee met this evening; a future meeting is not yet scheduled.

Public Works: Chair MacLean, McGuire, O'Connell

The Committee met this evening; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair O'Connell, Hendricks, Guridy

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Ad Hoc Committee on Inclusionary Zoning: Co- Chairs Guridy and McGuire

The committee met last Wednesday. The Administration is preparing a White Paper on inclusionary zoning, we will meet within a few weeks to review that.

City Controller's Report

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that the Accounts Payable Weekly Check Review for the month of March. His department reviewed 443 checks for a total of \$2.5 million, 14 wires for a total of \$2.1 million. Some findings were that some bills are paid by wires and are not paid by check. They are paid electronically and there are some that we process in March that were late. The two from 2016, I had something to do with. They were payments for medical insurance and the documentation was non-existent. They had been signed as a bookkeeping measure. I had a productive meeting with Mr. Hartzell and Mr. Marchetto. We discussed how wires should be processed. There were a couple of over-paid tuition reimbursements that we found in Fire Administration and the checks were voided. We had

untimely payments of invoices in March. One or two late fees were paid and we missed a couple of discounts.

APPOINTMENTS:

[15-1460](#) Memo from Mayor Pawlowski regarding approving the reappointment for Damien C. Brown, Planning Commission

Name	Authority/Board/Commission	Term to Expire
Damien C. Brown	Planning Commission	12/01/2019

Attachments: [Memo from Mayor Pawlowski regarding Damien C. Brown - Planning Commission](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

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

[15-1461](#) Memo from Mayor Pawlowski regarding approving the reappointment for R. Scott Unger, Zoning Hearing Board.

Name	Authority/Board/Commission	Term to Expire
R. Scott Unger	Zoning Hearing Board	05/06/2020

Attachments: [Memo from Mayor Pawlowski regarding R. Scott Unger - Zoning Hearing Board](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

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

[15-1462](#) Mayor Pawlowski approving the reappointments for Council's consideration to the following:

Name	Authority/Board/Commission	Term to Expire
Jason Laubach	Sheet Metal Technician Board	5/6/2021
David DeWalt	Plumbers Examining Board	6/4/2019

Attachments: [Memo from Mayor Pawlowski regarding Jason Laubach, Sheet Metal Technician Board and David DeWalt, Plumbers Examining Board](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked any comments from my colleagues or the public.

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

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-1368](#) Bill 10 Public Works, this evening
Amendments to the Traffic Control Map

Attachments: [Bill 10 Traffic Control Map](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it was recommended unanimously favorably to the full Council.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any comments to my Councilmembers or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Ray O'Connell that this Ordinance be amended to add Hamilton & Race Street No Left Turn on Race Street by Common Consent by full Council.

Enactment No: 15351

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

Enactment No: 15351

[15-1392](#)

Bill 11 Public Safety

Amending the 2017 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department to provide for new Thermal Imager Equipment.

Attachments: [Bill 11 - Commonwealth of PA Office of the State Fire Commissioner grant to purchase Fire Training Equipment](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that is to purchase two new Thermal Imaging Units so that all the trucks do have them now. It was passed to the full body, 3 - 0 unanimous for approval.

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

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

Enactment No: 15352

[15-1404](#)

Bill 12 HR, Administration and Appointments, this evening

Amending the 2017 General Fund budget by deleting the position of Administrative Assistant (07N) and adding the position of Litigation Paralegal (08N) in the Law Office.

Attachments: [Bill 12 Litigation Paralegal Position Law Office](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that it was in Ms. Affa's committee and we tabled it because our Solicitor is not here. He turned it back to Ms. Affa and then the whole Council will vote on it.

Mr. Brent Hartzell deferred to the City Solicitor since she can explain very well the intention of this change is personnel is her office.

Ms. Susan Wild stated that this is a new position in the Office of the City Solicitor. It is a Litigation Paralegal. The goal after I have been here for almost two and a half years and trying this year, now having a good grasp of the position to incorporate some efficiencies and restructuring in the office to make things move more smoothly, but also to address the increase volume of litigation in particular. The position would assist me to be able to keep much of the litigation work within the City's Solicitor's office rather than sending it out for outside Counsel. By adding this paralegal position we will be doing this even more thereby reducing outside legal expense to the city.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Wild and asked if there were any comments from his colleagues or the public.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked about the difference in the salary expense. He asked how much is the amount.

Ms. Susan Wild stated that will be made from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund due to vacancies that exists. This position does not currently exist.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that the position that is being deleted is actually half a position because it was shared between the City Solicitor and the Mayor's office. Now being replaced with a full-time position in that office to deal with the paralegal needs titled Litigation.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 15353

[15-1405](#)

Bill 13 Budget and Finance, Recommended Favorably
Amending the 2017 Grant Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The Budget, Redevelopment Capital Assistance Project to the City of Allentown as a pass through grant to Cedar Crest College for the Athletic Field Renovations project.

Attachments: [Bill 13 CEDAR CREST COLLEGE RACP GRANT.docx](#)
[CEDAR CREST COLLEGE RACP GRANT AWARD LETTER.pdf](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is an RACP money that is coming from the State Department of Community and Economic Development. It is pass-through money for Cedar Crest. It is a matching grant and the committee forwarded unanimously favorably.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked did Cedar Crest put up a \$1 million. He asked if there were any comments from my colleagues or comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 15354

[15-1448](#)

Bill 14 TO BE VOTED ON 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 automatic disqualifiers for the hiring process, places the conditional offer of employment before the background investigation in the hiring process and reinstates the oral exam into the promotion testing process.

Attachments: [Bill 14 CIVIL SERVICE RULE CHANGES](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that these are minor changes, but would allow for greater efficiencies in the manner and selection of the hiring practices for the department. It was also sent to the committee and the committee recommending it favorable vote, 3 - 0 to the full Council.

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

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

Enactment No: 15355

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-1442](#)

R63

Lease of Land along American Parkway for a billboard.

Attachments: [R63 AMERICAN PARKWAY BILLBOARD LAND LEASE.docx](#)

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that the city has an agreement with a company to have Billboards that are placed throughout the city on our property and where we feel that it is in the best interest of the city in terms of placement. The areas that we looked at are 100 percent capable of having this billboards placed in these areas. It is a recommendation from the Engineering Department. This is a Lease.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if they are new Billboards.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that these are new locations.

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

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he has a question, why should Council unanimously support this Bill. It says it is revenue for the city. How much revenue are we making on a Billboard? He asked if the city had a minimum cost.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it depends on the location and the amount of people that want to go with it. It could be \$80,000 per location. He stated that like anything else they take a look at the area and feel pretty comfortable with it.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked anyone else.

Dr. David McGuire asked about the earnings. It is a constant earning or the signs is up for six months, then you go for another one. Can the city predict the income for the given year.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it won't be for a day or two. It is something that is a long term. They have been very good over the years. Finance does make an evaluation of that for what they perceive the income will be for the year.

Dr. David McGuire stated that he will vote no. He doesn't believe posting of large billboards on our streets or parks. He knows that the city has a contract, and has signed it, but he does not wish to sustain that.

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

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that this is a point of information. He is currently doing a contracts receivable audit. This contract will be part of that audit, but it will be for the prior years.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if they would give Council the financial resources to get from the billboards.

Mr. Jeff Glazier yes, I can tell you what was remitted, but it will be for the previous.

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

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked when will he let us know.

Ms. Lois Arciszewski, 2176 Avenue C - Bethlehem, stated that she is the Real Estate Manager for Adams Outdoor and we are the vendor to this contract. We currently have six digital structures throughout your city. In July of 2016, we paid the city \$108,967. The contract is 25 percent of our revenue to the City of Allentown. The three structures we are proposing, two are on American Parkway and one is on the Eighth Street Bridge. For the first full year, we will be providing to the city somewhere between \$80,000 - \$100,000.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Arciszewski for coming up and asked any questions from my colleagues.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if any of the billboards anywhere in close proximity to our parks. He asked about the location of the billboard to Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard.

Ms. Lois Arciszewski stated American Parkway obviously not, the Eighth Street Bridge is not in close proximity to any parks. She stated that location will be just west of S. Sixth Street or Lehigh Street.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated you said it is on the bridge, so it will be elevated. Are you looking underneath the bridge?

Ms. Lois Arciszewski stated that it will be visible to motorist that is travelling the Eighth Street Bridge. It is a uni-pole structure, but has two digital faces. It is Adams policy to provide community messaging.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Arciszewski and asked anyone else from the public.

Ms. Helen Hahn, 2016 E. Highland Street, thanked Dr. McGuire for saying that you are not going to vote for it. I just think it is absurd. It is overwhelming. It is one thing after another. It is disgusting. We have to make money by putting these horrific signs up.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any other signs from the public.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked Ms. Wild for an explanation on the abstention vote. Is it a pro vote or a no vote. Is it a yes or no on the abstention vote.

Ms. Susan Wild stated that an abstention vote is an abstention vote. It is not a yay or nay.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that at a point an abstention would mean yes. An abstention should mean exactly what the Solicitor has said.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that you have in your Rules that an abstention unless it is bonafide, is a yes vote. The solicitor's office always told you can't do that, but you did it anyway.

Yes: 4 - Ray O'Connell, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, and Roger MacLean

No: 2 - Daryl Hendricks, and David McGuire

Abstain: 1 - Julio Guridy

Recused: 1 - David McGuire

Enactment No: 29440

[15-1443](#)

R64 Refer to Public Safety

Lease of Land along Martin Luther King Jr., Drive for a billboard.

Attachments: [R64 MLK DRIVE BILLBOARD LAND LEASE.docx](#)

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is the same process that we were talking about previously. It is just another location where we felt it was capable the use of a billboard in that area.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that we get hammered at Council meetings about spending money and now here is a chance to get a revenue builder. He asked any comments from my colleagues.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he does want the money, but he feels like too many billboards.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that is your prerogative.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that his concern is that we cannot continue polluting our parks and I believe that these do that.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that we are talking about parks. They are not on the parks, are they? Martin Luther King Boulevard that is going to be shown around the Eighth Street Bridge, Parkway Boulevard is not a park. Besides from the money, what are some of the advantages? Do we have advertising from Allentown?

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that the area is not designated as a park district. That is what is part of it.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that is why I voted yes. She explained exactly what there are planning to put it.

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

public.

Yes: 5 - Ray O'Connell, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, and Roger MacLean

No: 1 - David McGuire

Abstain: 1 - Julio Guridy

Recused: 1 - David McGuire

Enactment No: 29441

[15-1444](#)

R65 Refer to Public Works

Lease of land along North Front Street for a billboard

Attachments: [R65 FRONT STREET BILLBOARD LAND LEASE.docx](#)

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this was a location that we looked at that was capable of handling the billboard and we have no objection to it. It is a good location for it.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked where are you at on Front Street.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is right along Front Street and American Parkway.

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

Dr. David McGuire asked to explain why R63 is a vote on the Lease of the land and where R64 and R65 say refer to Public Safety and Public Works.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated R63 doesn't say refer and R64 and R65 are errors.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if this Lease would be right on the new bridge.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is not on the new bridge, it is in the location on Front Street.

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

Mr. Tom Hahn, 2016 E. Highland Street, stated that he understands that it won't be no end roads to Allentown without a sign. Doing a better job on the budget would make up a deficit of a couple bucks from the signs.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked anyone else from the public.

Yes: 5 - Ray O'Connell, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, and Roger MacLean

No: 1 - David McGuire

Abstain: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 29442

[15-1447](#)

R66

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts: 726 W Gordon, 1136 Chestnut Street and 31 N 17th Street.

Attachments: [R66 HARB Resolution](#)

[HARB Cases](#)

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that he will start with 31 N. 17th Street. It is a fairly simple case. Its approval for the gentleman to build a deck and stairs leading down from the deck to the back of his house in West Park. The demolition of a garage at the back of 1136 Chestnut Street in Old Allentown Historic District. It is in very poor condition and HARB had no problem coming to a decision that this garage will be demolished. The final case is 726 Gordon Street West Gordon Street which has been on the radar regarding its potential demolition. The attorney for 726 W. Gordon Street would like to say a few words. HARB issued a Certificate of Appropriateness for the building to be repaired rather than to be demolished.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked about the garage demolition at 1136 Chestnut Street. There is a sign there saying that they have to stop repairing or work on the property.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that this was not brought up. No one on HARB was aware. Council can amend the Certificate of Appropriateness. A solution might be to require the property owner to put a fence around the backyard.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that there is a fence there. It used to be a single family unit, now it is three units.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked about a timeline on the Gordon Street property. He responded to Mr. Guridy stating that normally when you have a garage in disrepair that is being vandalized, it you get rid of it that is usually the appropriate way to go. He asked about a timeline on Gordon Street.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that we don't know if it is in disrepair.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that a building permit is valid for a year.

Attorney Matt Feisal and he represents the owner of the property 726 W. Gordon Street. He was updated today by the general contractor. The previous certificate of appropriateness and he thanked Council for the

additional time. We are on the same page as HARB of rebuilding that wall that is an issue to preserve the historical value. There are a number of additional permits that they have to apply for. The Base Engineering Company applied for their permit.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that is the best one we had so far.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any other questions.

Dr. David McGuire asked who is the owner of the property and how long have they owned the property.

Attorney Matt Feisal stated that the record owner is Lakeview Servicing LLC. He stated that he doesn't have the Sheriff Deed in front of him.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that he is not sure on top of his head.

Dr. David McGuire stated that the owners are irresponsible owner who let that place deteriorate and did nothing.

Attorney Matt Feisal stated that his understanding is that the contractor, Lehigh Valley Paving is going to coordinate with the city in closing off that alley to be used by vehicles.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that he is aware of the illegal parking problem. He has visited it on many occasions and it seems to be the same cars that are parked there all the time.

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

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

Enactment No: 29443

[15-1489](#)

R67

Authorizes Submission for a DCNR Grant for the Construction of a Greenway Trail at Jordan Park in the amount of \$250,000

Attachments: [R67 JORDAN PARK GREENWAY TRAIL DCNR GRANT](#)

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that the 2017 application round for Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant Funds is due on April 12. Resolutions for each application is required. We intended to apply for four applications. The first one is a DCNR Grant for the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail. The intention is to complete the design this year. The trail

will run from Turner Street along the Creek down to Sumner Avenue to Jordan Park to MacArthur Road.

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

Mr. Roger MacLean stated to Ms. Taylor you said it is a one to one match.

Mr. Lindsay Taylor stated that it is 50/50. It is a \$500,00 project cost. The grant will be \$250,000. You can apply for an additional \$250,000 through the TAP program. No guarantee on either.

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

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

Enactment No: 29444

[15-1490](#)

R68

Authorizes Submission for a DCNR Grant for the Development of a Master Plan for Percy Ruhe Park in the amount of \$25,000

Attachments: [R68 PERCY RUHE PARK MASTER PLAN DCNR GRANT](#)

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that Percy Ruhe is one of our largest with athletic fields. They are inefficiently laid out and light poles are in play areas and what we want to do is take the opportunity to complete a Master Plan. Parking is an issue. We need to address the parking problem.

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

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

Enactment No: 29445

[15-1491](#)

R69

Authorizes Submission for a DCNR Grant for the Construction of a Skate Park at Jordan Park in the amount of \$200,000

Attachments: [R69 JORDAN PARK SKATE PARK DCNR GRANT](#)

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that we will be working on a design for a skate park this year. It has been in the works for several years. We were an unsuccessful applicant last year. We did a quick review on how to approve our application and we want to try again for funds to try to help us with construction of a skate park.

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

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she hopes the city gets it this time around.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked anyone from the public.

Yes: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, and David McGuire

No: 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29446

[15-1502](#)

R70

Authorizes Submission for a DCNR Grant for the Redevelopment and Construction of a Spray Park at Irving Park in the amount of \$500,000

Attachments: [R70 IRVING SPRAY PARK DCNR GRANT.doc](#)

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that this will be what is categorized as a spray pool. It is a combination of a zero depth entry down into and extending to an area with water play features. Irving Park is one a few parks in the city that qualifies for a Land Water Conservation Fund monies. It is a federal program and only eligible for properties that received funding before. We are asking for \$500,000 in funds. The Swimming Towards the Future recommended three options. All options recommended some type of spray park or spray pool due to the age, size and attendance of Irving. We want to take a look at the entire southern end of the park and redesign by adding a pavilion, green space, dedicated parking and make the park function better than it does right now.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Taylor and stated that a quite a few people on the eastside are not happy with this. The eastside doesn't have a pool. Where do the kids on the eastside swim?

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that they can. They have the spray pool opportunity and we are in the process of working with Deiruff High School on a public swim program using the school's pool. The feasibility or building a plain swimming pool in that area to code is an extremely expensive proposition.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if Irving Pool will be open this year. Why can't we build around the pool with the spray park?

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that Irving pool will be open this year. That part of the park is not a big area. We are not looking to replicate Bucky Boyle. We want a little bit of both, part Bucky Boyle and Wading Pool.

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

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked about the age of the pool. He asked if the city

had an estimate of the cost to replace that pool.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that Irving Pool is our oldest pool. It was built in 1939. To replace the pool and not the filtration system. Just the pool itself is a minimum of \$1 million, not taking account of relocating the filtration system. That would be \$125,000 - \$200,000 additional.

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

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it is worth to visit and the city should think about it. I have been receiving a few phone calls and the eastside is not happy.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that she understands. The public process would start now. You can apply to the state for a scope change. It is an aquatics facility.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that \$1.2 million is a deal compared to \$3.2 million for Cedar Beach. I don't think it is fair to the kids on the eastside.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he will hold Ms. Taylor accountable that we do engage the community and get their thoughts.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated absolutely.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she agrees with Mr. Hendricks.

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

Mr. Dennis Pearson, 942 E. Tilghman Street, stated that people are not unhappy with the swimming pool. They are unhappy with the basketball court and the policies that have resulted in over use of the basketball courts. The pool is outdated and should be replaced in Irving Park. He stated that the city promised kids park at Keck Park.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Lindsay Taylor and said it is a very sensitive topic. Thank you for stating that it could be a change down the road.

Mr. Kenneth Laudenslager, 721 W. Cumberland Street, stated that his concern is eliminating part of our history. Irving Park was a WPA project and it needs to stay.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that the park will be there. He asked anyone else from public about R70.

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

Enactment No: 29447

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

[15-1432](#)

Bill 15 CEDC, this evening
Amending the 2017 General Fund budget by adding a total of two positions in the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety: Housing Inspector (14M, Step D) and Rehabilitation Specialist (14M, Step D). Each position is budgeted at an annual salary of Forty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$49,327) and funded through the CDBG Program.

Attachments: [Bill 15 HOUSING REORG.doc](#)
[HOUSING INSPECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION.pdf](#)
[Map of Target Area to be serviced.pdf](#)
[Rehab Specialist Job Description.pdf](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated to Mr. Leonard Lightner that he doesn't have to give an explanation. We will assign it to a committee and then have the administration come forth. It is only an Ordinance for introduction, not final passage. He asked if there were any comments from his colleagues about Bill 15 or comments from the public.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Enactment No: 15356

[15-1445](#)

Bill 16 Budget and Finance, Recommended Favorably
Amending the 2017 General Fund, the 2017 Trexler Fund, the 2017 Risk Fund, the 2017 Equipment Fund, the 2017 Solid Waste Fund and the 2017 Golf Fund by appropriating funds from the un-appropriated balances for the rollover of encumbrances for the prior year commitments.

Attachments: [Bill 16 PO Rollover 2016 to 2017.doc](#)

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

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE

Enactment No: 15366

[15-1429](#)

Bill 17 Public Safety, Recommended Favorably
Amending the 2017 Grant Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty (\$34,780.00) Dollars from the United States Department of Justice to the City of Allentown as a pass through grant to the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT

Community Center.

Attachments: [Bill 17 LGBTQ DOJ GRANT.docx](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY

[15-1451](#)

Bill 18 Budget and Finance, Recommended Favorably with an amendment:

Add in the three sections authorize a supplemental appropriation from the CASH RESERVE TO THE unappropriated balance

Amending the 2016 Risk Fund Budget by transferring \$ 1,068,793 from the unappropriated balance of the 2016 General Fund to cover the remaining cost for Employee Health Benefits

Attachments: [Bill 18 Risk Management Transfer](#)

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

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE

Enactment No: 15367

[15-1470](#)

Bill 19 Budet and Finance, Recommended Favorably

Amending the 2017 Grant Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to the City of Allentown as a pass through grant to the Allentown Public Library to provide funding to renovate the Library's HVAC system.

Attachments: [Bill 19 Library DOE Grant](#)
[DOE Award Notification 3152017.pdf](#)

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

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE

Enactment No: 15368

[15-1471](#)

Bill 20 Public Works, Recommended Favorably

Amending the 2017 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Seventy-Six (\$259,076.00) Dollars from the monies received from the bond security for the Twins at Devonshire subdivision. This bill will provide funds to purchase materials, relocate a telephone pole and to obtain permits to complete the public improvements for the Twins at Devonshire subdivision.

Attachments: [Bill 20 Twins at Devonshire.docx](#)
[Devo Twins](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS

Enactment No: 15358

[15-1472](#)

Bill 21 Public Works, Recommended Favorably
Amending the 2017 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (\$4,320.00) Dollars. This is the result of a grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for the purchase of new street trees.

Attachments: [Bill 21 Shade Tree Grant.docx](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS

Enactment No: 15359

[15-1476](#)

Bill 22 Public Works, Recommended Favorably
Amending the 2017 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Eight-One (\$50,781) Dollars from numerous donations from the business community and Universities and the re-appropriation of Sixty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Nine (\$62,459) Dollars from the Department of Justice Grant 201-H3953-PA-DJ received in 2016 and appropriated by Ordinance 15303 but not expended. The funds are to be used for the purchase of a simulator for training dealing with force scenarios.

Attachments: [Bill 22 Use of Force Simulator](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Enactment No: 15360

[15-1478](#)

Bill 23 Public Safety, Recommended Favorably
Amending the 2017 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ninety-Four Thousand Sixty-One Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$94,061.12) from the Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission for tuition and salary reimbursement from Act 120 training to be used to purchase a Driving Simulator.

Attachments: [Bill 23 DRIVING SIMULATOR](#)
[DRIVING SIMULATOR BROCHURE.pdf](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Enactment No: 15361

[15-1474](#)

Bill 24 Public Safety, Recommended Favorably
Amending the 2017 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eleven Thousand (\$11,000) Dollars from the Lehigh County Drug Task Force for reimbursement of overtime.

Attachments: [Bill 24 Lehigh County District Attorney's Office Reimbursement.docx](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Enactment No: 15362

[15-1488](#)

Bill 25 Public Works, Recommended Favorably - Job Descriptions and Organizational charts have been submitted
Amending the 2017 General Fund budget to accommodate the reorganization of positions to allow the Department of Public Works to operate more efficiently. The proposal would facilitate a small reorganization of Public Works management; by realigning the Operation Manager to the Engineering Bureau, placing an Office Manager position in the Streets Bureau and combining the Building Maintenance and Compliance Office managers into one position.

Attachments: [Bill 25 PUBLIC WORKS REORG.doc](#)
[Reorg - Budget Pages](#)
[2017 Build Maint Office Manager](#)
[2017 PW OPS MANAGER](#)
[2017 STS OFFICE MANAGER](#)
[DPW Build Maint 2016 Org chart](#)
[DPW Build Maint 2017 ReOrg chart](#)
[DPW Eng and Comp 2016 Org chart](#)
[DPW Eng and Comp 2017 ReOrg Chart](#)
[DPW Streets 2016 Org chart](#)
[DPW Eng and Comp 2017 ReOrg Chart](#)
[DPW Streets 2016 Org chart](#)
[DPW Streets 2017 ReOrg Chart](#)

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS

Enactment No: 15363

[15-1492](#)

Bill 26 CEDC, this evening
Amending the 2017 Health Budget to provide for a supplemental

appropriation of Forty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred (\$48,700) Dollars as a result of a grant from Highmark to provide for the continued training and support to help guide the Allentown Health Bureau in establishing a quality improvement and quality assurance plan to better serve the community and to meet the requirements necessary to reach public health accreditation.

Attachments: [Bill 26 HIGHMARK GRANT](#)

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

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Enactment No: 15364

[15-1503](#)

Bill 27 Public Safety, Recommended Favorably
Amending the General Offenses Code, creating Article 715 – Nuisance Abatement, by creating a progressive point system for recurring violations at properties used for business, commercial, or industrial purposes that create penalties, sanctions and the closure of operations after successive violations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the City of Allentown.

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

Attachments: [Bill 27 Nuisance Abatement Ordinance](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that these are Bills for introduction. We don't vote on these tonight. We vote on them on April 19th. He asked if there were any comments from my colleagues or any comments the public.

Mr. Tim Ramos, 1408 W. Linden Street, asked about the perimeters of the Ordinance. He stated as a business owner he would imagine his responsibilities are the same as me owning my home, to the curb.

Mr. Ray O'Connell deferred to Ms. Affa or Mr. Hendricks.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated keep your business in a safe manner, making certain that the public is safe.

Mr. Tim Ramos asked as far as my door, the curb. If I have a parking lot I am responsible for that. If someone got hurt, I am responsible. Let's say I have a bar and somebody walks out the bar and starts trouble down the block, am I responsible for that.

Ms. Candida Affa stated to Mr. Ramos, you don't own a business.

Mr. Tim Ramos stated no. I am asking questions. If someone is at my place of business, leaves, get a block away and they create trouble. Am I

responsible for that?

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she wouldn't think so.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that is a question for Ms. Wild.

Ms. Susan Wild asked and the question is.

Ms. Candida Affa stated if there is a problem at an establishment, let's say a diner.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he owns an establishment. There is a patron there who leaves, gets a block away and gets into some sort of altercation. Was he served alcohol at your place? It is not a cut and dry answer.

Ms. Susan Wild stated that she doesn't think that it will fall under this point program. That is a different issue all together. It depends on the facts. She stated that she doesn't give envision to something that would give rise to you being decided under this program if the individual left and went somewhere else and created a problem. This program is to eliminate disruptions and certain locations.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she was a part of the committee and is also an educator. The first thing she said was when we had this committee is that we do need is to educate business owners about this new law.

Mr. Tim Ramos stated that he is reading the Ordinance and has read it already. He stated that he is asking questions.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this is for business owners that are irresponsible and that allows conduct on their properties and within their businesses that creates public safety problems.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she appreciates Mr. Ramos coming and thinks this Bill has gotten attention. This is what we were looking for. For people like you to come ask questions, be concerned , know the laws and communicate to other people. I appreciate you coming and asking questions.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Mr. Ramos' point is a little convoluted. He stated that he knows where Mr. Ramos is going from as far as his questioning. However, he asked Ms. Affa the question as soon as she told him of the Bill. There also have been people that have been on the streets out there in the city in regards to people that are in an establishment that

serves alcohol or don't serve alcohol and they may not be causing a problem there inside, but they go out and shoot somebody or kill somebody down the block. The newspapers are going to say, they came out of that place.

Ms. Candida Affa stated until the police can prove. You just can't have a shooting a block away and assume it came from your establishment. The police will do the investigating. We are hoping that it helps businesses.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it is fair, but the saddest part is that the news will already would include the name of the establishment.

Mr. Tim Ramos stated that we know it is about ratings and not telling the truth. It is telling people what to think.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Ramos.

Mr. Gaza Frye, 2667 Hamilton Boulevard, stated that he is looking to make improvements and to hire the police. I am just asking why I am not being afforded the same opportunities other places are.

Ms. Candida Affa asked why are you saying that.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that we are talking about the Bill. He stated that he doesn't have an answer. We will get you an answer.

Ms. Aderney Delarosa, 1028 Hanover Avenue, asked how this legislation will help me with noise disturbances, constant noise disturbances from a nearby business.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it has to be verified by the police.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that we had contact over the last couple of months and years. You are talking about Hanover Avenue, the Hookah Lounge.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that the police has to witness it. When the police gets there, they not only give the citation out. This is where they get the points. If they get 12 points in six months, we have the right to close them down. Don't stop calling. Keeping calling and calling.

Mr. Roger MacLean made a suggestion. The city is divided into four and each section of the city is overseen by a PSA Captain (Police Service Area Captain), Jimmy Keiser. There should be something they can do.

Ms. Candida Affa stated if you leave in or around an establishment and

people are leaving, there is going to be noise.

Ms. Aderney Delarosa stated sometimes they do hang out and are loitering.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Enactment No: 15365

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

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Roger MacLean noted that passing of Ed Donley as the Chairman and CEO Air Products. He was a firm believer of early childhood education. Pass our condolences to his family. He also stated that there were some problems with some police pensions and it was supposed to be corrected.

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 9:38 PM