



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, June 7, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**Invocation: Councilperson Affa**

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

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

**Courtesy of the Floor****Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules**

Mr. Lou Hershman, 405 N. Gilmore Street, asked about the Vehicle Report from the Controller. He asked about police officers. We are seven patrolmen short. We are Captain short, we are sergeant short, Deputy Chief short. We you read the Financial Report, we are \$8 million in the hole. We are short money. Subpeona the Mayor and ask him questions on pubic safety.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that the Controller gave a Fleet Report.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that he did. When we did the Fleet Audit, we audited the AIM that is there which apparently different from the Ordinance. The AIM was never updated. We audited it to the AIM and we did note in the finding that two cars were taken home for commuting purposes and proper taxes were probably not assessed. There were no other findings against the AIM. He stated that he had questions and has forwarded his questions to the Solicitor and when he hears back he would be happy to pursue it further.

Mr. Hollis Perry, NAACP - Allentown, stated that the NAACP had a Black Healthcare Summit Monday and it was a wonderful event. He acknowledged Ms. Cynthia Mota, Mr. Julio Guridy helped promote the event, and Ms. Candida Affa helped promote the event. He stated that he is going to continue to do the event next year and hope that more City Councilmembers come out and support the event.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that Mr. Perry did a wonderful job with the event. It was well attended. She hopes that more people will show up. We need more support. The information was amazing.

Ms. Candida Affa encouraged Mr. Perry to keep this going. In the gay community we had FACT that has been going on for over 20 years. It was educational and things that we learned. It afforded us testing. It afforded us knowledge, learning experience with the health department there. For the African American community I encourage you to keep it going.

Mr. Hollis Perry stated that Ms. Affa does a wonderful job for FACT, HIV/Aids and the community. I will miss you and your business for what you done to the LGBT community. I looked at my community, the black community who is suffering terribly. We are 46 - 50 percent of all new infections of HIV and about half of all gay men are HIV infected. I lost my late wife to HIV and AIDS. I had to do something. FACT in the Lehigh Valley is the number one organization that fights and funds people that are infected or affected by HIV and AIDS.

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

[15-1631](#) April 19, 2017 City Council Approval of Contracts Professional Services Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [30 April 19, 2017 City Council Approval of Contracts Professional Services Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1638](#) April 19, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [31 April 19, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1646](#) May 3, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [36 May 3, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1669](#) May 3, 2017 City Council Approval of Contracts Professional Services Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [37 May 3, 2017 City Council Approval of Contracts Professional Services Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1670](#) May 17, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [43 May 17, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1671](#) May 17, 2017 City Council Approval of Contracts Professional Services Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [39 May 17, 2017 City Council Approval of Contracts Professional Services Meeting Minutes](#)

[15-1673](#) May 31, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [41 May 31, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

**Old Business****Communications - Executive Session Announcement**

City Council held an Executive Session on May 31 at 4:30 pm with the City Solicitor to review potential litigation involving Cedar Beach Pool renovations, a personnel issue and a police lawsuit. These subject matters are an exception to the open meeting requirement under the Sunshine Law.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:****Committee of the Whole:**

The Committee of the Whole met on Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 PM and forwarded Bill 5 to the full council this evening with amendments.

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

The Committee met on May 31 and reviewed the monthly finances; the next meeting is scheduled for June 14th at 5:30 to review Bill 37 which is being introduced this evening.

**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 has not met since the last council meeting; 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; the next meeting is scheduled for June 21st at 5 PM.

**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 on Tuesday, May 23rd at 6 PM to review two proposed street vacations that will be acted on this evening provided all fees have been paid; the next meeting is scheduled for June 21st at 6:45 PM.

**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 has received the White Paper on inclusionary zoning and we are reviewing it; we will meet on June 14th at 6 PM to review the report.

**City Controller's Report**

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that all the audits are online for everybody to peruse in the comfort of their home. The Accounts Payable Check Review from 4/29/17 to 5/26/17 we reviewed 451 checks for approximately \$4.5 million.

We reviewed a total of nine wires for a total of \$1.4 million. There were four findings from the audit. There was a first class ticket purchased in violations of AIM 3-1-02. AIMS states that the economy rate should be used for bus, train and airplane travel. The response from the administration was that the ticket was a last minute ticket purchase and the only fair available leaving from Allentown was a first class ticket and the ticket was purchase prior to final approval in Eden. The check was released. We had one check with \$33 in late fees. We had 11 checks that were paid late spread over nine different departments. There was a small amount of sales tax paid on one invoice. The department acknowledged that it was an oversight.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked how do we approve a first class ticket.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that he is not disagreeing with you. It was for a conference that a number of people were scheduled to go to. The decision is that they all wanted to fly out of Allentown and with that late date the only seat out of Allentown was a first class ticket.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that it is a very serious concern. There was a conference that several of the staff from the city was going to in Texas to get training on Eden System to properly utilize our financial system in Eden System backbone.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he has a problem with it. Someone could have flown out of Philadelphia cheaper.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that the Financial Department did call the Controller's office on that.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that his sentiments are the same. If you have a number of people in the city to go to a training on Eden. Wouldn't it be cheaper to bring the trainer over here.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that the Eden Conference was offering up a wide variety of topics for IT people to be there, for finance people to be there and Community and Economic Development people to be there. It is rather costly.

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

[15-1228](#)

Memo from Mayor Pawlowski approving applicant for appointment to the Human Relations Commission for Council's consideration

Name	Authority/Board/Commission	Term to Expire
Inga Williams	Human Relations Commission	12/31/2019

**Attachments:** [Memo from Mayor Pawlowski regarding Appointments to the Human Relations Commission - Inga Williams](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if she had any comments from my colleagues.

Dr. David McGuire moved to change consideration for this position without bias to the candidate for the position to a future date.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked Dr. McGuire if he wants this tabled.

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

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he knows Ms. Inga Williams. She is a great candidate and he is sure she would do the right thing and certainly will be supporting her.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he wants to make it clear that it has nothing to do with the candidate. I think she is well qualified. It has everything to do with recent events that have occurred regarding the board that are very troubling. I can't with good conscious approve a new members for that board at this time. The reason that we have that vacancy on that board is because some actions that the Mayor has taken. I don't want to subject anybody else to that conduct.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she looked over Ms. Williams application and I am impressed. The way I see it, it is about her application and her job that she can do. This is why I am voting for her to be on this commission.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she believes that the city needs good people on the Human Relations Commission. I believe she is well qualified and I know that she is going to do a great job.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he shares Mr. Hendricks concern. He is hoping having seen Ms. Williams resume that she can step up to the plate and give leadership on the Human Relations Commission.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that he too read the appointments coming forward and Ms. Williams is more than qualify. Her resume is outstanding. She has worked in the community and is a well respected individual in the community and have full faith on what she will do for the Human Relations

Commission. I would definitely support her appointment.

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

Dr. Joanne Spencer stated that she is trying to get a feel of what we are voting here. We need an explanation on what happened on the Human Relations Commission. You are touching on it, but you are not telling us what the trouble is or the problem why this woman should not coming on board. Some of you said there is serious problems. We have a right to know something so that we can better understand.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that two people have left the board and the best thing to do is to ask those three people that left the board.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated to Dr. Spencer that she needs to talk to Ms. Affa who is the chair of the committee. We have a 5 - 2 vote to appointment Ms. Inga Williams to the Human Relations Commission.

Dr. Joann Spencer stated that she doesn't mind doing that, but you have been going back and forth saying because, but you haven't said what the because is and we have the right to know.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated to Dr. Spencer and that it is good to see you from elementary school.

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

**A motion was made by David McGuire, seconded by Daryl Hendricks, that this Appointment be tabled. The motion failed:**

**Yes:** 2 - David McGuire, and Daryl Hendricks

**No:** 5 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, and Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29502

**Yes:** 5 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Julio Guridy, Cynthia Mota, and Ray O'Connell

**No:** 2 - David McGuire, and Daryl Hendricks

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

[15-1306](#)

Bill 5 Committee of Whole, forwarded favorably with amendments DIRECTING THE LEHIGH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE A REFERENDUM QUESTION BEFORE THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN VOTERS ON THE MAY 16, 2017 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT TO AMEND THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN HOME RULE CHARTER TO LIMIT THE TERM OF THE OFFICE OF MAYOR TO TWO (2) TERMS

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

**Attachments:** [Bill 5 Mayor Term Limits](#)

[Amended Bill 5 - Term Limits](#)

[Bill 5 - Optional Amendments](#)

[Solicitor Memo - Charter Amendment](#)

[Memo from Mayor Pawlowski regarding Amended Bill No. 5-2017 - Mayor Term Limits](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that this is a Committee of the Whole which means that every Councilperson was invited to attend. We had six out of seven. The general consensus is that we would go forth and bring this to the entire Council without a recommendation.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked his colleagues for voting on this unanimously. This is something that he has been trying to get for several year. All the colleagues came together and agreed to do this. He stated that he is looking forward to voting on this.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks commended his colleagues for making this effort. He thinks that the events that have occurred over the last couple of years has shown the necessity for this Bill. The timeliness of this Bill is current. I commend the body as a whole. I am very confident that this will pass tonight and any attempt to overturn it will be overwritten.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she would like to make it clear that our sitting Mayor will not be affected by this. If our sitting Mayor wins, he can run again and it has two terms. We as a whole are in agreement that eight years is enough time to get what you have to get done in the city. It alleviates any problems where you would possibly be above the law in many ways. You can bully and have political advantages.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Affa and asked if there were any other comments from Council or the public on Bill 5.

Mr. Hollis Perry, 2244 S. Lumber Street, thanked Ms. Affa for the explanation. You have a valid point. When unlimited terms good people get drunk with power and things happen. Term limits for the future of Allentown I trust you with you knowledge and education. He asked was it



always unlimited terms in Allentown for the Mayor.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that it has never been term limits for the Mayor. This is in terms to make a better switch for the future of Allentown.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that personal he is not looking at any current situation. I am looking at and don't want to blame anybody. If is something that I fundamentally agree and think it should be done. Two term should be good enough.

Mr. Hollis Perry stated that his only concern with the two term situation is the pool of candidates and potential qualified people that can run the city.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that there were nine candidates that ran in the primary. Seven under the democratic ticket and two on the republican ticket. I would say most of them, if not all of them were qualified.

Ms. Donna Forrester, 334 N. Fulton Street, stated that with the term limits, she agrees somewhat with the term limit. On a city level maybe we can see three terms or two and they can come back again. Sometimes you start something and some things take more than eight years to do. It seems as though you are doing this because of the Mayor.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that if we pass it, it is not a done deal. This goes on the ballot on November 7 and we will let the entire Allentown voters decide yes or no. This is just to get it on the ballot. I am doing what is best for the City of Allentown.

Ms. Barbara Redmond, NAACP, stated that the reason they are concerned is because they are trying to get voters to come out and vote. By putting the Bill on it might cause a conflict and people don't want to involved in fighting. This may stop people from coming out to vote because they are thinking that it is about the Mayor.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she thought she made it very clear and you know me personally and you know and I am speaking for my colleagues too. We have been going over this for quite a long time. This just didn't happen. Other cities do it and we felt very strongly. It happened to work out because it is election time, but as Mr. O'Connell said you have the right to vote no to this. I think every citizen should come out and vote whether they like the idea or don't. For people to stay home because we are introducing something and this is for the people of Allentown to go out and express what they feel. It's nothing to do with the sitting Mayor.

Ms. Barbara Redmond stated that she understands what Ms Affa is saying,

but perception is everything.

Ms. Candida Affa stated you voted for us to make decisions. You trust us to make the right decision. You go out and vote the way you want to vote on this thing.

Mr. Ken Laudenslager, 721 W. Cumberland Street, stated that he is in favor of the Bill. It is long overdue. I was talking to different former Councilmembers back in the 90s to get to something along these lines.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Laudenslager and asked anyone else from the public on Bill 5.

Mr. Lou Shupe 625 N. Sixth Street, stated that he is kind of in support of the Bill, but this is not what to state. When the time comes and it appears on the ballot this November this may appear to be uneducated voters that people have concerns about the Mayor's office. They will see that when they go to the voting booth and see the question and they will have a chance to vote for the Mayor at that time.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated interpretation. He asked if there were any other comments from the public.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that this will go to the Mayor and the Mayor can veto it. If the Mayor vetoes it, it comes back to City Council and we can override his veto.

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

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Enactment No: 15377

[15-1577](#)

Bill 30 Public Safety, this evening  
Amending the 2017 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Six Hundred Seventy-Five (\$675) Dollars from the Allentown School District to the City of Allentown for reimbursement of premium pay costs for teaching CPR classes to the School District Security Staff.

**Attachments:** [Bill 30 EMS CPR Reimbursement](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that the committee voted 3 - 0 for a favorable ruling and to send to the full body for a vote.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any comments from his colleagues or the public on Bill 30.

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

Enactment No: 15373

[15-1588](#)

Bill 31 Public Works, forwarded favorably  
Providing for the vacation of a portion of East Nevo Street from the centerline of North Plymouth Street to the centerline of North Nelson Street, located in the Fifteenth Ward of the City of Allentown. The vacation was recommended by the City Planning Commission. The LVPC found the request consistent with regional transportation improvement plans and offered no additional comments.

**Attachments:** [Bill 31 East Nevo Street from the centerline of North Plymouth Street - Street Vacation](#)  
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Street Vacation - E. Nevo Street from N Plymouth Street to N. Nelson Street](#)  
[E Nevo Street from Plymouth Street to N. Nelson - Street Vacation Staff Report](#)  
[Letter from Steve Neratko, Planning regarding Street Vacation - N. Nevo Street from N. Plymouth Street to N. Nelson Street](#)  
[Letter from Steve Neratko regarding the Vacation of N. Nevo Street from N. Plymouth St. to N. Nelson Street 2-14-17](#)  
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission - Street Vacation Request \(East Nevo Street\)](#)  
[N. Nevo Street - Street Vacation Labels](#)  
[MC 4946307 - East Nevo Street](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it was recommended favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any comments from his colleagues or the public on Bill 31.

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

Enactment No: 15374

[15-1589](#)

Bill 32 Public Works, forwarded favorably  
Providing for the vacation of a portion of South Jute Street from the centerline of Montgomery Street to the centerline of Cooke Street, located in the Nineteenth Ward of the City of Allentown. The vacation was recommended by the City Planning Commission conditioned upon the existing natural buffer of trees remaining. The LVPC found the request consistent with regional transportation improvement plans and offered no additional comments.

**Attachments:** [Bill 32 South Jute Street from Montgomery Street to Cooke Street - Street Vacation](#)  
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding South Jute Street - Street Vacation](#)  
[Letter from Steve Neratko regarding the Vacation of a portion of South Jute Street from Montgomery Street to Cook Street](#)  
[Engineering Report - Jute](#)  
  
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Street Vacation South Jute Street from West Montgomery Street Cook Street](#)  
[South Jute Street from Montgomery Street to Cooke Street - Street Vacation Staff Report](#)  
[South Jute Street from Montgomery Street to Cooke Street Pictures 1 of 3](#)  
[South Jute Street from Montgomery Street to Cooke Street Pictures 2 of 3](#)  
[South Jute Street from Montgomery Street to Cooke Street Pictures 3 of 3](#)  
[S. Jute Street - Street Vacation Labels](#)  
  
[MC 4946317 - South Jute Street](#)

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

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

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

Enactment No: 15375

[15-1675](#)

## Bill 38

Amending the 2017 General Fund budget by adding the position of Plans Examiner (13N) in the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety. The position being budgeted at an annual salary of Sixty-Five Thousand (\$65,000) Dollars. Also provides for the transfer of funds from the money saved while the positions of the Community Development Director and the Business Development Liaison were vacant in the Director's Office to fund the Plans Examiner position in the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety.

Attachments: [Bill 38 Plans Examiner.doc](#)  
[Plan Examiner Job Description.pdf](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that Bill 38 is being introduced tonight.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that this Bill is being introduced tonight and the administration asked us to vote on it tonight. He asked Mr. Lightner to tell Council the immediate need for the planner.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that the immediate need for the Plans Examiner is that we always needed a plans examiner. Right now my Building Standards Superintendent has been responsible and is the manager for the department. He is trying to manager and do Plans Examination. Thus far this year, we had over 2,000 plans come in. Each plan has to be reviewed. He does not have time to review the plans thoroughly. The Plans Examiner main responsibility is to alleviate the building inspector to go out so they don't have as much work to do. Right now he is only limited to review the plans that are short-term. It is causing our building inspectors to go out multiple times. When the homeowner and the contractor come in sometime the superintendent has to spend 15 - 20 minutes at the counter to make sure the application is done properly and to answer questions. It doesn't give my manager time to managed. We try to do plans within 24 hours and it is no way that we can actually thoroughly review plans effectively and efficiently in 24 hours. We are four weeks behind on plans.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that you are four weeks behind. You would not be here tonight unless the need would be great. If we in the city encourage develop in the city, but we don't have the plan or the staff to review the plans we are defeating the purpose. He asked if there were any comments from my colleagues.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Mr. Lightner if Council should pass this, how long do you anticipate to take to fill this position.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that right now we have a couple of candidates

in mind. If the Bill is passed we are going to interview them and get it filled within the next two weeks.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Mr. Lightner if Council should pass this, how long do you anticipate to take to fill this position.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that right now we have a couple of candidates in mind. If the Bill is passed we are going to interview them and get it filled within the next two weeks. We did have a couple of people apply for jobs when we had the Building Standards and Safety Director's position opened. We had a couple of people apply for that who have all their certifications for Plan Examiners. The plan is to bring those candidates in that already applied for that and see who is the best candidate for the position. Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any candidates in-house.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that we don't have any candidates in-house. They have to have all those certifications. It is requiring your building certifications, your commercial certifications, and your accessibility certification.

M. Daryl Hendricks stated that he will personally support this because he was contacted by some developers who are having great difficulty and they wanted to see if I could do anything to push it through. Knowing the problems you are having, I understand fully. We want to continue with the great progress that is being made throughout the city.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she would support this, but it would be a plus if the person would be from Allentown.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated it would be a plus, but having those certifications there are not a lot of people that have those certifications. We are trying to fill the position as soon as possible and we do have candidates that applied for the other position. One is from Allentown and the others I don't remember from the top. We have to go with the ones that are really qualified.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked how many plan submissions did we have in 2016. He asked who was doing the reviewing all along.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that he doesn't have the answer to that, but can get back to him. We are trying to be more efficient to utilize our system so we can actually track that data. From January to now we had about 941 residential and 1067 commercial. The manager and he has taken work home. He is coming in early and staying late. My plan is to put it in as a permanent position and put it in next year's budget. Forecasting it out, this

is a position that we are going to need with all the development that is coming. You are looking at the NIZ, current Center City, and the Waterfront.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Mr. Lightner only recently went into that position. It speaks to your knowledge and necessity to address it.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he agrees, but why did it take so long.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated it is only June.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that you are only in that position for a couple of months.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he agrees with his colleagues that Mr. Lightner is going a good job. He would like to see the city bring back that type of service back into the city as opposed to using a third part review. He stated that he gets a lot of complaints on how long it takes to get those reviews back.

Dr. David McGuire stated that he is the Chair of the Community and Economic Development and been doing this for a year and a half now. The department has a large number of vacancies required that are qualified persons that are not being filled. This was an absence of leadership for various reasons. This is a very professional need. It is clearly tied into facilitating and accommodating those who wish to do business in the City of Allentown. He commended Mr. Lightner for seeing this and coming up with a creative solution.

Ms. Candida Affa commended Mr. Leonard Lightner. She agrees with her colleagues Mr. Hendricks. We get a lot of complaints. This is a constant problem. I will support this and thank you for the job that you are doing.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he is not trying to be the antagonist here because he more than likely going to support this, but how many vacancies do you have in your department that you need filled to have an efficient department.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated eight to 10. We went through the vacancy report last week and it was embarrassing. City services are suffering because of the vacancies are not being filled. Mr. Lightner knows his job and doing it very well and he said I cannot do this with one planner and one manager.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he doesn't want to belabor this anymore. This is a specific function that this new employee will do and we have not had someone specific do this before.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated no, we have not had anyone specific doing this. He is wearing many hats and again, for us to move forward in the future and to be more efficient we cannot have someone doing both.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if his colleagues had any comments or from the public about Bill 38. He stated for clarification, it is being introduced and we are voting on it tonight. We need six votes for it to pass. We are basically waiving the two week period.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that it needs an amendment. It is Section 218 from the Home Rule Charter is effective upon passage by six Councilmembers and signed by the Mayor.

**This Ordinance was approved as amended.**

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

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

[15-1641](#) Bill 35 Public Works, this evening  
Amending article 507 (Traffic Control Maps) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown.

**Attachments:** [Bill 35 Traffic Control Maps](#)  
[5-25-17 Traffic Memo](#)

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

### **REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS**

Enactment No: 15378

[15-1649](#) Bill 36 Parks and Rec, this evening  
Amending the 2017 Capital Fund Budget by transferring the available balance from Capital Project 2200 – Alton Park Improvements to Capital Project 2209 – Mack Pool Improvements in the amount of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars to repair the pool house roof.

**Attachments:** [Bill 36 Mack Pool Improvements](#)  
[Picture](#)

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

### **REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION**

Enactment No: 15379



[15-1650](#)

Bill 37 Budget and Finance, Forwarded Favorably  
Amending the 2017 General Fund Budget by appropriating funds from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand (\$225,000) Dollars for property tax refunds.

Attachments: [Bill 37 Property Tax Refunds](#)

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

Mr. Hollis Perry, 2244 S. Lumber Street, asked is there a conversation on Valania Park at all.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that Council did a contract earlier at 6:00 PM. It was R118 and it was an authorization in an engagement in professional services in the amount of \$3,800 for a community meeting attendance, concept sketch plan development, and cost estimates for Valania Mater Plan.

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE

Enactment No: 15380

[15-1676](#)

Bill 39 Parks and Rec, this evening  
Amending the 2017 Capital Fund Budget by transferring available funds from Capital Project 1806 – Emergency Sewer Repairs and Capital Project 1743 – Mechanical Renovations Waste Water Plant to Capital Project 2201 – Pool and Spray Parks in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars for the renovations to Cedar Beach Pool.

Attachments: [Bill 39 Cedar Pool.doc](#)

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

REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION

Enactment No: 15381

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

[15-1651](#)

R123 Refer to Public Works

Authorizes encroachment of handicap ramp at 1224 W Tilghman Street

**Attachments:** [1224 Tilghman Street Encroachment](#)  
[1224 Tilghman Encroachment Application.pdf](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that it was approved by all the Bureaus and the Bureaus went through it. He asked if there were any comments from my colleagues about R123 or the public.

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

Enactment No: 29504

[15-1652](#)

R124 Refer to Public Works

Authorizes encroachment for steps at the rear of 134 - 160 Hamilton Street

**Attachments:** [R124 160 HAMILTON ENCROACHMENT.docx](#)  
[160 Hamilton Encorachment application.pdf](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that it was approved by all the Bureaus. He asked if there were any comments from his colleagues or the public on R124.

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

Enactment No: 29505

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE****GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE****ADJOURN**[15-382](#)

Council Rules

**Attachments:** [Council Rules](#)

[15-1228](#)

Memo from Mayor Pawlowski approving applicant for appointment to the Human Relations Commission for Council's consideration

Name	Authority/Board/Commission	Term to Expire
Inga Williams	Human Relations Commission	12/31/2019

**Attachments:** [Memo from Mayor Pawlowski regarding Appointments to the Human Relations Commission - Inga Williams](#)

**Yes:** 5 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Ray O'Connell, Julio Gurdy, and Cynthia Mota

**No:** 2 - David McGuire, and Daryl Hendricks

Enactment No: 29502

[15-1577](#) Bill 30 Public Safety, this evening  
Amending the 2017 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Six Hundred Seventy-Five (\$675) Dollars from the Allentown School District to the City of Allentown for reimbursement of premium pay costs for teaching CPR classes to the School District Security Staff.

**Attachments:** [Bill 30 EMS CPR Reimbursement](#)

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

Enactment No: 15373

[15-1588](#) Bill 31 Public Works, forwarded favorably  
Providing for the vacation of a portion of East Nevo Street from the centerline of North Plymouth Street to the centerline of North Nelson Street, located in the Fifteenth Ward of the City of Allentown. The vacation was recommended by the City Planning Commission. The LVPC found the request consistent with regional transportation improvement plans and offered no additional comments.

**Attachments:** [Bill 31 East Nevo Street from the centerline of North Plymouth Street - Street Vacation](#)  
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Street Vacation - E. Nevo Street from N Plymouth Street to N. Nelson Street](#)  
[E Nevo Street from Plymouth Street to N. Nelson - Street Vacation Staff Report](#)  
[Letter from Steve Neratko, Planning regarding Street Vacation - N. Nevo Street from N. Plymouth Street to N. Nelson Street](#)  
[Letter from Steve Neratko regarding the Vacation of N. Nevo Street from N. Plymouth St. to N. Nelson Street 2-14-17](#)  
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission - Street Vacation Request \(East Nevo Street\)](#)  
[N. Nevo Street - Street Vacation Labels](#)  
[MC 4946307 - East Nevo Street](#)

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

Enactment No: 15374

- [15-1589](#) Bill 32 Public Works, forwarded favorably  
Providing for the vacation of a portion of South Jute Street from the centerline of Montgomery Street to the centerline of Cooke Street, located in the Nineteenth Ward of the City of Allentown. The vacation was recommended by the City Planning Commission conditioned upon the existing natural buffer of trees remaining. The LVPC found the request consistent with regional transportation improvement plans and offered no additional comments.

**Attachments:** [Bill 32 South Jute Street from Montgomery Street to Cooke Street - Street Vacation](#)  
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding South Jute Street - Street Vacation](#)  
[Letter from Steve Neratko regarding the Vacation of a portion of South Jute Street from Montgomery Street to Cook Street](#)  
[Engineering Report - Jute](#)  
  
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Street Vacation South Jute Street from West Montgomery Street Cook Street](#)  
[South Jute Street from Montgomery Street to Cooke Street - Street Vacation Staff Report](#)  
[South Jute Street from Montgomery Street to Cooke Street Pictures 1 of 3](#)  
[South Jute Street from Montgomery Street to Cooke Street Pictures 2 of 3](#)  
[South Jute Street from Montgomery Street to Cooke Street Pictures 3 of 3](#)  
[S. Jute Street - Street Vacation Labels](#)  
  
[MC 4946317 - South Jute Street](#)

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

Enactment No: 15375

- [15-1675](#) Bill 38  
Amending the 2017 General Fund budget by adding the position of Plans Examiner (13N) in the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety. The position being budgeted at an annual salary of Sixty-Five Thousand (\$65,000) Dollars. Also provides for the transfer of funds from the money saved while the positions of the Community Development Director and the Business Development Liaison were vacant in the Director's Office to fund the Plans Examiner position in the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety.

**Attachments:** [Bill 38 Plans Examiner.doc](#)  
[Plan Examiner Job Description.pdf](#)

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