



Allentown

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Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Organizational Meeting

Call to Order: President Ray O'Connell

Present: 9 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Ray O'Connell, and David McGuire

Invocation: Rabbi Seth Phillips

Pledge to the Flag

Remarks by Outgoing Council Members

Dr. David McGuire drew attention to and expressed appreciation for the members of the fourth estate that write for our newspapers, our televisions, our radios, those who cover our events and those who make news real and disgusted with news that are false. We thank them for covering our events. He expressed his appreciation to the City Solicitor's office, Mr. Hanlon and Ms. Whitehead. Who works for the city is making it work. The City Clerk's office is an institutional type of position which means that over the weeks and decades of service, knowledge and facts and experience of the rising tides and falling tides every two years. They are the residual source of help for those of us that have been appointed or elected to office. They put into practice and guide us through the labyrinth of our laws and regulations. So a special thanks to them and to incoming members of the City Council. He commended the City Council's office as one of the best resources and honest resources you will have. He asked what time is it? Stop looking. Look at your watch, look at your hand-held device, look again at a bigger clock, a big clock, a grandfather clock, how about Big Ben? Everyone knows about THAT clock in London, except for people like me who grew up in Pittsburgh where Big Ben is a "who" and not a what. Going back to an idea of a clock. Almost everyone over a certain age have seen the insides of a clock or a large watch. For those of a lesser age, all they get to see is a little battery, but for the rest of us when we look into clocks we understand what is behind them even if we don't see them anymore? It's like what's inside your body after you seen a doctor's view of things and get sewed up. You don't need to keep seeing the inside, you just see the outside. But for the rest of us who live in the institution called the city

government we get to see a wonderland of moving parts: gears, cogs, spurs, complexity, blades of metal moving back and forth. And all, all that activity going on back and forth curved, and intertwined if for the purpose of rotating a round metal shaft of metal that goes to the outside of the clock. That is to see the face of the clock. That shaft moves all the other pieces of metal against a background of numbers---1, 2, 3,---up to 12. Our Big Ben is City Hall. The "time" and voice are those numbers, which may be accurate, or a little slow or fast, or just plain wrong. That's the chief executive who tells the time. That is the outside voice/face of the city. One person in an office. The job of the legislative branch is to ensure that the "time" is accurate or truthful. That's seven people visiting this room and seated in at least twice a month. But inside Big Ben, inside the city hall, are hundreds of city staff and workers. THEY are the gears and cogs and moving pieces constantly at work. Working for the needs and betterment of our citizens. Without their work those outside arms of Big Ben would be erratic and static. He stated that he served on the Council for the past two years and he was the Chairperson of the Community and Economic Development Department and a Councilmember for the Public Works department and the Human Resources, Administration and Appointments department. Given that structure that each Councilperson is being involved in three departments. All councilmembers come to learn broadly of the needs and issues of all the city departments. One of the most important tools Council uses for its work is the monthly vacancy report. We learned, I learned that there are a significant number of positions that go unfilled even though there is a need for work and even though Council has approved funding for each position. It became clear to me over the past four years that the executive branch was losing its effective grasp of the needs of those cogs and spurs of the inner workings of our city, and consequently those two arms of the face of the city "clock" were not telling the true time (the true condition) of Big Ben, our city. From my short experience on Council I will note too small, but real and symbolic accomplishments of the Council. As we head into 2018, the formerly crippled Community and Economic Development department is gaining momentum and focus. Council has again funded much needed positions and council carried out its obligation to ensure that competent and experienced leadership is in place. Let me repeat that again, council carried out its obligation to ensure that competent and experienced leadership is in place. And, several times this year and the past year Council has stood up for challenges to that responsibility. Again looking forward to 2018, Council has funded \$150,000 for community activities and cultural institutions. Looking back, Council realized that we were spending a lot of money on activities, but there was little coherence in those activities by different entities within the community and at the same time, it realized that it wasn't spending a single dollar for the cultural institutions of our city. The city Art Museum for example. So Council has mandated the formation of a broad committee

focused on effective use of these funds. That is to say when we have dispensed those funds it will be to a specific reason that fits into a plan. Early action by our committee, that committee will bring results as early as March. With energy and focus from the legislative branch that key component of the inner workings of our Big Ben of government - our valued and committed city staff and workers - Big Ben will have new levels of achievement for our community. He asked for a round of applause to all the city workers here tonight who will stand up. Please stand up. Thank you very much. I appreciate it and have enjoyed my service here.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Dr. McGuire and stated great words of wisdom. He stated good evening Mayor Pawlowski, Council colleagues, friends and Allentownians. This is a very difficult, tough night. He stated that he is leaving something that he immensely love, serving the people of Allentown as a City Councilperson. He stated that he dedication his entire adult life serving the people of Allentown. Although, not a native of Allentown, his entire adult life has been committed to Allentown and its people. First serving proudly for 38 years with the Allentown School District as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and central staff administrator. The last service to Allentown was my eight years of City Council. The last three was as president of Council. I was honored and privileged to be president of Council. My love, commitment, and dedication of Allentown will not end tonight. I would do all my power to continue to make Allentown a better community for the families and children of this beloved city. As I said many times the children are our future. By far the children are our future. I would like to summarize my years as a councilperson in the following way with the holiday great play, A Christmas Story. Council Past, Council Present and Council Future. He stated that he had the honor of servings with Jeanette Eichenwald, Joe Davis, Frank Concannon, Michael Donovan, Mike D'Amore, Jeff Glazier, Mike Schlossberg, Peter Schweyer, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, David McGuire, Ed Zucal and Courtney Robinson. He thanked the staff Tawanna Whitehead and Mike Hanlon. He thanked the city employees that come to work everyday to make Allentown a better place for all. He thanked his family. He stated that his wife is supporting and caring for the last 42 years and has always been there, his two children and his to grandchildren. He thanked his friends and supporters: Cece Gerlach, David McGuire, Daryl Hendricks, Sue Rutt, Gary Hirsch and Brian Kleiner. They have energized me. He stated that he loves Allentown with all his heart and soul.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. O'Connell and welcomed everyone.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Guridy and stated that he had the great pleasure to work with David and Ray over the last few years. He thanked Ray for his long time service to the community, both in the school district

and the City Council. He stated that he considers Ray not only a good colleague, but a good friend. He wished Ray, Mary Beth and their family well. He thanked David for his service and stated that his stewardship on the Community and Economic Development Committee and anything environmental was a welcome presence on the body. He wished David and his wife well.

Ms. Candida Affa stated to have a Councilman that has a doctorate in Chemistry was a bonus. You taught me so much about the environment and how to preserve our parks and streams, blending, knowledge of the arts and architecture is amazing. You will be missed on Council, but I hope you will be around for advice. She stated that from the moment she sat on the dais Mr. O'Connell made her feel comfortable. Through the next weeks and months he helped build her confidence. She stated that you encouraged me and listened to me and always let me know if I did a good job. She stated to Mr. O'Connell your favorite saying is " we can agree to disagree, but we will always respect each others decision. She thanked Mr. O'Connell.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated to Mr. O'Connell that it has been a great pleasure serving with you. She thanked him for voting for her when she was appointed and support. She stated that she thinks of him as a man of distinction. She stated to Dr. McGuire that he is a very wise man and thanked him for serving. She stated that she learned a lot about the environment.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that a good Council is made up of people that everybody brings something to the party. He stated that Mr. O'Connell brought a lot to the party and Dr. McGuire you stepped up on short notice to fill the balance of my term. You brought a lot to the party as well and because of that this has been a very good Council. He wished them well.

Mr. Roger MacLean thanked Mr. O'Connell for his leadership and Dr. McGuire for his insight. He stated that he is sorry to see both them leave. He thanked Dr. McGuire for giving him flashbacks from high school chemistry class. Your insight was amazing and always good. He stated to Mr. O'Connell that his leadership was something that I admired and wished them the best.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated to Dr. McGuire it has been a pleasure and honor. You bring a wealth of information from your education and your life. He stated that you took a challenge in the Community and Economic Development department as the Chair. He wished Dr. McGuire the best. He stated that Mr. O'Connell succeeded him as president of Council. We have gone through a lot in the city and you stepped up at a time when we

just went through the Water and Sewer deal. You were sick, turned your life around and came back stronger than before. I appreciate the way you run the meetings. Your presence and experience as a manager from the School District and working on Council brought a different way of run the meetings and help us move the agenda forward. You would listen to all of us on the dais and took into account that the president of Council has the power to write the agenda. He was always fair and caring and learned the issues. I wish you the best.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that he has been on Council for eight years, two meetings a month, 24 a year. He stated 24 times eight is 192 meetings and I missed four.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks gave Mr. O'Connell and Dr. McGuire in appreciation a small token giving them an AMP gift card for downtown.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the next part of the agenda is to do a swearing in ceremony.

Swearing in of New Councilpersons

Judge Kelly Banach swore Mr. Guridy in as a Councilperson.

Honorable Kelly Banach swore Mr. Guridy in as a Councilperson.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated I, Julio A. Guridy, do solemnly affirm that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office of Councilperson of the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania, with fidelity.

Honorable David Howells, Jr. swore Mr. Hendricks in as a Councilperson.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks said I, Daryl L. Hendricks, do solemnly affirm that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office of Councilperson of the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania, with fidelity.

Honorable David Howells, Jr. swore Ms. Mota in as Councilperson.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated I, Cynthia Mota, do solemnly affirm that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office of Councilperson of the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania, with fidelity.

Honorable Michael D'Amore swore Mr. Robinson in as Councilperson.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated I, Courtney Robinson, do solemnly affirm that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office of Councilperson of the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania, with fidelity.

Honorable Kelly Banach swore Mr. Zucal in as a Councilperson.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated I, Ed Zucal, do solemnly affirm that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office of Councilperson of the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania, with fidelity.

Swearing in of City Controller

Honorable Michael D'Amore swore Mr. Glazier in as City Controller.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated I, Jeff Glazier, do solemnly affirm that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office of Controller of the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania, with fidelity.

Remarks by the City Controller

Mr. Jeff Glazier thanked his family for supporting him in public service all these years. He stated that he was first elected in 1999 so it's been awhile. He thanked the Allentown citizens for electing him and giving him the privilege and the honor of serving them. He thanked Council for appointing him Controller almost two years ago. Since then he has worked every day to repay that trust and faith you placed in me. Over the next two years, the Controller's office will continue on path started when he was appointed in February 2016. We will strive for greater transparency of the city's finances. In 2017, we began to gain an understanding of city departmental budgeting and even more importantly their spending patterns. That work will continue this year and hopefully will show some results for the 2019 budget. Finally, progress the Controller's office is able to make is largely due to his dedicated staff and the cooperation of all city departments.

Remarks by the Mayor

Mayor Ed Pawlowski thanked Mr. Guridy. He stated that he thought about what he was going to say tonight and he really wants to address some of the real concerns we have on the horizon in the city. We have come a long

way if you look at what we accomplished here over the many years in the city of Allentown. Somebody said that it could not be done and here we are. Today, we are a new city, a growing city, one that is in the midst of an almost daily transformation. All you have to do is drive down our streets and get caught in traffic and you see the transformation that is literally taking place. We are a city of proud families and neighborhoods with big hearts and we are filled with diversity, with energy and with hope. We are a city who put aside limitations and really is embracing possibilities. To our new and returning members of City Council and our City Controller, I am looking forward to working with both of you, both individually and collectively in the coming term. This long very, very long fought election process is over and we are no longer counting ballots, we can start counting with the causes that we believe in, the challenges that we tackle together as a community. Now, we are not always going to agree on how that should be done or how to get there, but we will agree on the basic primus on making Allentown a better place to live for our residents, a better place to work, and do business and a better place to play for those who visit our city. Now, this is without a doubt, he thinks that probably the most difficult times in our nations history to govern a city. Cities across the country are being attacked and assaulted in almost every single level. This is what you come in to. Major cuts in funding and services. Unfunded mandates and restrictions on how we are able to govern ourselves. Making an already difficult job even more difficult. In fact it makes it almost impossible. We also find ourselves in a troubling time both in our country and in our state. There is a new kind of venom that has affected our politics. In Washington, there is no appetite for compromise. No interest in working together for the good of the American people. The other as they are called is the competition. Someone always has to be beaten and working together and working with others is almost an impossibility. In Harrisburg, things are not much better. At times our representatives value their primary electorate above all else and so they cater to their extremes of their gerrymandered districts. All you have to do is look at a map of the state of Pennsylvania and you can see that. Either you are with me or against me. The other is not to be trusted. It has all created a type of boogeyman politics motivated by unfounded fears and discrimination against our most vulnerable citizens. I want all our residents to know and I know that you all agree with me when I say this. Rest assured danger doesn't lurk in public restrooms. Our Latino brothers and sisters are not criminals, our Syrian brothers and sisters and Middle Eastern immigratns are not terrorists and our local police officers have far more important things to than to act as immigration agents. In these troubling times, our believe the way that we conduct ourselves as leaders of major American cities is being looked upon like never before. Cities like ours is leading the way in areas of human rights, economic development, to job creation, infrastructure improvements and the environments. We, all of us, collectively, the elected leaders in municipal

government are closest to the voters and the taxpayers. We are the ones that have the most daily impact on our constituents quality of life. The world is starting to understand this and it is at the local level that we're making progress, true progress in cities like ours, that is where real progress is being made. It is at the local level where we keep people safe and create jobs and build opportunities and I believe that this government collectively, you as City Council, and the administration working together we will rise to meet the challenges on the horizon if we all work together. If we embrace those that are not like us and have different thoughts than us. If we lead by showing tolerance and equality and respect for the other nothing will be impossible for this city. We will radiate a new politics. A politics that would attract individuals and businesses from all over our state and country to come in and invest and live in our city. We will expand opportunity so that it reaches every person in every corner of our city. We will protect and grow a sense of community for this is Allentown's greatest source of strength and we will ensure equality for all no matter your age, your race, your religion, or your sexual orientation. Together, we will create a new Allentown. One that is a hub of opportunity, community and equality for all. Now, these are big goals as you know, but President Lincoln once said that the best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time. The story of Allentown shows that by working together we can overcome challenges. Through our collective hard work, Allentown has a bright future. Together, we have made tremendous strides in a number of areas and together we've turned challenges into opportunities and have laid a solid footing for a new future for this city. Do we still have a way to go, absolutely? We are going to have setbacks in this process, absolutely? But, working together we will continue to rebuild our economy. We are going to set new foundations for our city. I like you, am inspired every day by the people in the city. By your hopes, by their dreams, by their determination and we need to listen to them. And, we will keep listening to them. And, through our collective hard work together we will continue on a path for a better Allentown. So let us continue to work together. Let us put aside this boogeyman politics. Let us put aside the rhetoric that exists in our politics on our nation and state level. Let it not happen here. All of you, I know want to come away and leave your terms here leaving the city better than when you came in. That is my desire too. Let's work together to make a better Allentown. Thank you.

Remarks by New Councilpersons

Mr. Julio Guridy thank God for giving him the opportunity to serve this city. As some of you know, I was born in a different country. I was not really born with a silver spoon in my mouth, but I always had something to eat. I always had enough to eat and my grandfather said whenever I finished even if I was hungry, he would say you had enough to eat. So he reaffirmed that. Regardless, I would like to thank my family for their support for all the meetings that I go to for the last 17 years here, but I went to meetings

before I came on City Council. I used to come to the meetings anyway. Thank you for your support and being without me for so many hours. I really appreciate it. He thanked his colleagues as well on Council for putting up with me and sometimes they think I talk too much or too long so I try to make it short. He thanked the citizens of Allentown, who are the voters and they have seen that I have been transparent. As much as I can in the city. I started the issue. I learned it. I tried to make my decision to serve the greater good of the citizens of Allentown. He stated Happy New Year and he hopes they have a wonderful New Year. He thanked the media for all their support. He stated Emily and everybody else. Thank you all and I would like to invite you to come to City Council meetings. They are the first and third Wednesday of the month. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM, however, we usually have committee meetings. Sometimes they start at 5:30 PM, 6:00 PM. It is in the newspaper. It's on our website which is www.allentownpa.gov and we have our agenda there. Please become aware of what we are doing because we are serving you, the citizens. You can call us at anytime. You can go into the city or call our wonderful city clerk and get to know what your city is and what we are doing. Today, with the social media sometimes we see things that people have no idea what we do and sometimes we respond to it. I think it is our responsibility to make sure that we vote, that we bring our friends and family to vote and that is what you are going to get to represent you. Thank you very much.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated first and foremost he would like to thank his colleagues on Council for their input and cooperation throughout the past year. He thanked Mike and Tawanna for all their support. He welcomed his newest members Ed Zucal and Courtney Robinson. He stated that he looks forward to working with them both. You truly have some big shoes to fill, but knowing you both as I do I have no doubt that you will be up to the tasks. I most sincerely offer thanks and appreciation to my wife, my sons and all the citizens of our great city for their support that they shown to me during the past year. A year of many challenges, but also a year of many accomplishments. I was greatly concerned entering the May primary as I was in the number nine and last ballot position. Ultimately, humbled to finish number one in both the Spring Primary and General Election this past Fall. I have always considered myself to be a public servant and not a politician as it is the only vocation I have known for the past 42 years. I also want to add my appreciation for all the members of the city's workforce who have diligently served the citizens of our city and continue to serve with a high level of professionalism. And, of course, I would be remiss not to add a special thanks for my brothers and sisters in blue and our firefighters for the great job they do on a daily basis protecting us all. As a new year has arrived and new challenges emerge we must endeavor to continue a path of open, honest and transparent governance through our legislative responsibilities while providing oversight through the systems of checks

and balances some of which was recently enacted. I am most proud to pledge to you that over the next four years I will continue to perform my duties with honor, integrity and unquestionable resolve while we continue to elevate Allentown to its destiny as the crown jewel of the Lehigh Valley. May you all experience a great 2018. Thank you very much.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated greetings. Thank you all for attending this evening. First and foremost I want to thank God for this opportunity to serve this wonderful city. For my family, we are a family of service. We are a family are used to extending the gap for those in our community when we see that there is a need to be fulfilled. In this evening, I want to thank my family for their continued support and understanding as I continue to serve Allentown as a City Councilwoman. This evening is the beginning of a third term for me. It is unbelievable....Third Term. God is great. As a mother and a business woman I must say that the challenges of public service are many, but after witnessing the growth and direction of our city has taken, I am ready to continue to serve alongside this body of elected leaders. To my peers, as we enter another season of creating change I want you to remember that my decisions as an elected leader will be to benefit all Allentonians. As I agree and disagree with you, I ask that you as well consider the voices of all newcomers and of those whose voices aren't always heard. To my electorate, my promise and commitment is to listen and consider your voices that are sometimes ignored. You can count that I will challenge any legislation. Again, I will challenge any legislation that is poorly designed and causes undue and hardship. I will make sure that your vote for me was a vote for equal and fair representation. I look forward to again being a servant to your needs, a servant who is easily accessible and a servant who responds when called upon. Again, thank you for coming out tonight. You can county on me being your voice in this Chamber, once again ensuring that we become a city where all are welcome and all are represented. Thank you Ms. Tawanna and Mr. Hanlon for all your support and help. Thank you all. God bless you.

Mr. Courtney Robinson thanked Mr. Guridy for leading the meeting. He stated to his fellow members of Council, Mayor Pawlowski and the Controller Glazier and all of you in the audience thank you. This is a humbling experience to say the least. I can only say that I will do my upmost to do this job well and to represent what I think the best way forward for our city. I just have a few remarks that I put together that I like to thank a few people first and foremost. He thanked Dr. McGuire and Council President O'Connell for their service over the years. They have shown us a good way to lead and they have shown us what dedication to community really can mean in the city and for that, I would like to thank you both. I would also like to thank my opponent in the General Election, former Councilman Mr. Hershman. He dedicated a better part of his adult life to serving all of us

and to try to do what he felt was best for the city. He never hesitates to stand up and be counted as someone who is still willing to put his part in. We are a richer and better city for people who stand up in that way and I would like to thank him for his years of service as well. The person I need to thank the most is Stephanie Kocher. Stephanie without you, I would not be sitting here. Your support over the last two years leading up to this has been absolutely the most important thing that I could have had and I would never be able to thank you enough for that. He thanked his mother Barbara, and her partner Tim for all their support. He stated that his mother instilled in him at a very young age a sense of civic duty and responsibility and I try to live up to that every single day. He thanked Stephanie's family for all their help throughout the campaign. He thanked his Campaign Chair Miriam Huertas who is unavailable to be here tonight. My Campaign Treasurer Carmen Bell for all of her work, and as Council President O'Connell said in his remarks I had the benefit of working with some very committed and dedicated public servants over the years. Their example is something that I truly attempt to aspire to. For their support and friendship over the years I would like to say thank you to former State Representative Jennifer Mann, State Representatives Peter Schweyer, and Mike Schlossberg, and former member of Council and District Magistrate Judge Mike D'Amore. Being sworn in by Judge D'Amore was very important to me and that meant quite a deal to me and I thank you for that Mike. I have a number of people who helped me get here and to each of you, thank you. People like Stephanie McDonald and Radawan Jarrouj, and everyone from the Syrian American Center. Without your support, I would not be here. He stated that there is someone that he would like to thank specifically because not only was he supportive, but he was one of the many people we are fortunate to have in the city who quietly, every day does whatever they can to try and help and that is Dan Blount. I have had the privilege of attending for the past several years and event that Dan puts on with Milly Canales called Cops Meet Block and for those of you who has not attended the program I highly recommend that you do. It is amazing opportunity to see children from Center City Allentown and Allentown Police Officers playing a game of basketball together. Getting to know each other. Getting to trust each other and building communication and that communication is not something that is not only important to our children, that communication is something we need for all of our citizens. That is something that we need to work as a body and as a city government entirely to reestablish is firm communication and that doesn't just mean us going out and talking to people and telling them what's going on, but more importantly listening to what citizens in every neighborhood, in every block in the city has to say. This is not only our city, it is your city. It is a city for all of us and we need to work towards that again. We have the best police, fire department and emergency medical service in Pennsylvania, but they are only as good as the streets that they drive on. Our parks are an

amazing resource, but they are only as strong as the neighborhoods they reside in. Every neighborhood in this city has value and more importantly every citizen in this city has value and has the ability to contribute and we must work every day towards realizing that potential. As all of you know, one of my most important issues was Code Enforcement and Housing and I think that we need only need to devote resources to that, but we need to be innovative on how we solve the problem. Because fixing a problem property on a block is the surest way to help keep a neighborhood alive or resurrect it. That is going to be an important thing as we move forward in 2018 is working on repairing our housing stock. The diversity in our city is something that makes us strong. A diverse culture and exposure to a diverse culture is what opens us up to the potential of new ideas and new ways to solve problems and every day we must celebrate that diversity, strengthen that diversity and promote that diversity. I think that all of us can agree that working to make sure that every citizen in the city of Allentown feels as if their government, not just cares about them, but listens to them. If we can move towards that goal over the next two years and no matter what the outcome I think we can all be proud and know that we have succeeded something. Those who knows me know that I am a bit of a history buff and I will be remissed with the fact that there is a new biography about Sir Winston Churchill. I would simply say to all of you, my fellow members to the citizens of Allentown that for the next two years the only thing that I have to offer is blood, toil, tears, and sweat to work towards these goals. Thank you very much and thank you Mr. President.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that before I make my remarks, I would like to thank Mr. O'Connell and Mr. McGuire probably the two finest people that could ever sit up here. They have done more to give 100 percent for you, not for themselves, but for you. He thanked his wife and his children. This is the second election he has been through. Many, many hours, a couple pairs of shoes, but in the end it is the ultimate to be up here. I am very honored and would like to thank you, the citizens for electing me. Anyone that knows me knows that my philosophy and work ethic is second to none. I believe that we have a serious public safety issue. I am going to make some recommendations in the future on how to correct that based on some of the facts that I experienced over the years as a police officer in the city. He gave a shout-out to Corporal Seth Kelly from the Pennsylvania State Police. He is recovering from an almost near fatal encounter. The reason I say that is because in 2006 and some of you might not remember this, but one of our own Andy Becky experienced the same thing and had it not been for our EMS, Andy Becky would probably not be here. I was so happy to see that we got two more positions in the budget for two more paramedics. Believe me, they are the best in the state as far as I am concerned and Andy would probably have to agree with me. Also, anybody that knows me knows that I don't take many things at face value. I ask

questions, I try to initiate conversations, I am very tactful when I do that because I want to see what the person's true answer is because that tells you a lot about the person. I think that in the future of our city is positive and we can do a lot together and the members and colleagues on City Council are in the right frame of mind and I want to tell you that I will do the very best job that you have elected me to do. This will probably be a one-term thing, but I will give you the best four years that I know how to give. Thank you.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Zucal and stated that he would be remiss not to thank all the city staff, the administration on the work that they have done in moving us forward. I am honored to sit in this chair with my colleagues. I think it is going to be a wonderful Council as we move forward.

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Organization of New Council

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that have to ask the public for comment on the president and vice president. With Council Rules we go with the president first. There is only one person running for president tonight and that is Councilman Roger MacLean. He asked if there were any questions from the public or his colleagues.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he is a security guard for Jefferson Elementary in the Allentown School District so I thought it would be an extremely valuable education for fifth graders to have an idea of what happens at City Council. Each of the classes was asked to write a 100 word essay on what they thought City Council was and what they thought the roll of elected officials would be. There were four people picked. Daniella decided to show up with her mom, sister and her uncle who had to leave. He thanked her mom for bringing her. She was then asked if she wanted to stay and watch what a City Council meeting is about, but it is a little different tonight then normal. She got an idea of what happens here. All four of them were able to tell me that it is a Legislative body which I thought was impressive for a fifth grader. He thanked Daniella for her essay and said congratulations on being picked.

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Officer Memos

Attachments: [Council President - Daryl Hendricks](#)
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Mr. Roger MacLean thanked Rabbi Phillips for the Invocation at the beginning, Judge Kelly Banach for taking time out of her busy schedule to

come in tonight for this ceremony. It is an honor for Ed Zucal to have that happen. He thanked the Magistrate District Judges Howells and D'Amore for taking time out of their busy schedule to come in tonight and do the swearing in. I would be remissed if I did not say to my good friend Pastor Jim who is going to do the closing Benediction, thank you very much. It is truly an honor to know you and have you working in the City of Allentown. He thanked to new members of City Council. Good luck to both of you. I look forward to working with both of you. He thanked returning members of Council. He stated that we can move the city forward. He stated to Mayor Pawlowski that he heard that the Mayor wanted to work together with us. That means we will see you at City Council sometimes.

Ms. Candida Affa congratulations Mr. MacLean. She stated that she is looking forward to working closely with you. She thanked her colleagues for their support. Moving forward as vice president, I am going to try to work hard with the Mayor and the administration with Council for the sole purpose of the citizens of our city. That is the most important part of my agenda. The citizens of this city. I thank you for voting for me two years ago, and thank you for giving me the opportunity to do the best job I can sitting up here on Council and for the next two years I hope to do the same. I believe as a team we can accomplish a lot. She thanked her colleagues and welcome to the new colleagues.

Benediction - Pastor Jim Rivera

ADJOURNED: 7:34