



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation: Councilperson Guridy

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. Lou Hershman, 405 Gilmore Street, stated that his concern is that Mr. Guridy always has these meetings and says everything looks good, but never says the speakers look good. His concern is the financial condition of the budget. There was a Five Year Financial Plan Taskforce in 2010. In 2012, they made a report. Did you get a copy of the report put together by PFM. Why didn't you make it public? He spoke about the Auditor General was here yesterday about the pension payments. The public should know if there is a serious problem going on in Allentown.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Mr. Kelly provided that Report to Council. It is on the city's website.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that your question will be answered under Old Business by Mr. Zucal. As far as the auditor, I don't have a response.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that the Auditor General came in and issued a Press Release that we should keep an eye on our pension because the numbers are down. He wanted to meet me and staff members and wanted to form an open dialogue.

Ms. Erika E. Bickford stated that she has a concern about the South Tenth and South Eleventh Street stairs being a liability to the city. They are falling apart and holes in the pavement. A five year old would say there overgrown. There is a homeless campground. We need to fix them.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that the Managing Director and the Mayor are making notes and I am sure it will be addressed.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker stated that he received a Report today about the \$30 million plus which is a 2016 municipal annual audit and financial report that was reported to the state. Have you seen this report? Why this was not presented. This was from September of last year. Who is our fiduciary officer or agent in the city? It shows up being \$33 million in the hole.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that would be his guess. Mr. Zucal has a motion that he will make.

Mr. Tom Hahn stated that he would hope that the Councilmembers will support what's coming from a Councilmember and second it. He stated that they should make sure that the forensic audit gets passed tonight. I have been asking for the financial report for so long.

Mr. Don Ringer stated to Ms. Affa stated she was in business for a number of years. If you made money, you could afford to give raises, right? When you were not making money, could you afford to still give raises? What are we doing in the city? We are giving the police a three percent raise for four years and \$8 - \$10 million for the next four years and we are pretty much bankrupted in the city.

Mr. Robert Trotner stated that what Erika Bickford wanted to say is that on June 28th at 5:00 PM they will be at the site and hopes you will come out to see what it is all about. He stated that are quality of life issues. Kim Oliver stated that she is disabled and trying to make improvements to her property. She took off an upper railing and it was down for a while. The area of Green Street there are people improving their properties, but there is a lot of illegal dumping.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that there are city issues that city staff is trying to handle with her and she has come to Council meetings. We have the Report from city staff. He asked for what block of Green Street.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager, N. Saint Cloud Street - Allentown Tenant Association, stated that there are two properties that may need their zoning status looked into. We were asked about our status by the administration. This would have seemed par for the course like the other administration. We are an unincorporated association. In attending for six and a half years I have never heard an administration or the city ask a group, organization or association if they were in fact a nonprofit or registered as a 501(c)(3).

Approval of Minutes:

[15-2373](#)

March 28, 2018 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [March 28, 2018 Special Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Old Business

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that the time has come that a motion has to be made in order for us to move forward. We had that discussion about doing a financial study during a presentation from a representative from the state, tonight I make a motion establish a committee of Council consisting of the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, two additional Councilpersons as appointed by the President or agreed upon by Council and the Clerk. They have to consult with selected city staff on a as needed basis to draft an RFP by August 2018 to get this motion started. This motion is being made to show transparency of city government and the citizens of Allentown and to remove any doubt that might be placed on Council and incoming Mayor Ray O'Connell in regards to unknown or hidden financial debts the city may have had without our knowledge.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he would like a comment and asked the Solicitor if it needed public comment. This is not necessarily define and it should go to the Budget Committee to be discuss. Several of these points and I was forwarded this three minutes ago and several of these points seem like things the Controller already does. I think we should examine this more before we create a committee of this. The words forensic audit gets thrown around a lot, but Mr. Glazier can back me up on this. Forensic Audits are unbelievably expensive. We need to define what we are talking about here.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he understands, but we get people that coming up here and insisting that there is something not correct. I have the name of a forensic auditor who will look at things, and if he finds some things would look further, and if he doesn't find anything move on to something else. It is like spot checks.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he had a conversation with Mr. Zucal in regards to this. I don't have a problem to have an AdHoc committee to look at certain things. I would prioritize the issues. If we select things: Capital Project and reconciliation. The main issue is to make the citizens feel comfortable and that we feel comfortable of what is going on with the city's finances. We already has a Budget and Finance Committee. We would look at the Five Year Plan that the Mayor presented to us with Mr. Hartzell and see what is doable in that Plan. We want the city residents and us to feel comfortable with the city's finances.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he is not suggesting that they don't need to do something of this nature. We brought someone in from the Department of Community and Economic Development. I don't think we

need to create a separate committee, to create the criterion to create the RFP. Instead of creating an AdHoc create, why can't we do it as a Committee of the Whole if it is so important. I am going to vote no creating this committee because I think it is redundant.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that although she may agree with him, the whole point is the climate of the city and the last administration. If this is what our citizens. Obviously, they want more than our Finance Committee, more than our just Council or more than just an administration. They want transparency. They want more and we should give it to them. The citizens of Allentown want this and need this and it is time to give it to them.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she is in agreement and states that she thinks that they should pass the page. This is a new beginning. Why not do it for transparency reasons?

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he agrees and he agrees with what Mr. Robinson is saying about the Budget and Finance Committee. Mr. Zucal is making this motion and will to be on the committee. We are going to be doing the Charter Review soon.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that Ms. Affa misunderstood him. He is not saying they don't need to do this. We do need to do a deep-dive on the city's finances. I am saying this motion seems to be not well define in terms of the purpose. It is redundant.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that there are some list of things that are on here that Mr. Zucal is looking to look at would not necessarily fall under Budget and Finance. I found out about it tonight too. He asked if there was any comments from the public.

Mr. Robert Trotner, 1910 Bayard Street - Bethlehem, stated that Mr. Zucal proposal is on point. It should be perfectly transparent so we know what's going on. We need transparency.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he agrees, but the three Council people that are doing it can have a Committee of the Whole and they can bring out their findings and suggestions.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker commended Council and stated that there is something of what Mr. Zucal is trying to set up another committee. You had these committees for years. You have to think outside the box. We kept saying where is the money. Back in 2015, the city financed two bonds of \$26 million, plus a \$6 million dollar loan. Where is the \$ 4 million from the Sands from 2010? Where did the money go?

Ms. Helen Hahn, 2016 E. Highland Street, stated that Mr. Hunsicker just stole all my thunder. I was coming up here to say the same thing. We are in a hole again. Where is the ladder for us to go up? We don't need all this backroom talking about we have to do this. I thank Mr. Zucal and Council. Where is the money?

Mr. Don Ringer commended Mr. Zucal and stated that we owe him a hand. He congratulated all Council that back Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Tom Hahn stated that the reason why we can't trust some of the people that Mr. Robinson wants is that the amount of money in the money to have the forensic audit some is missing and we can't get an answer why it has been borrowed, paid or stolen. The Controller's office can't even get enough information from the Finance Department to be up to date to pay bills.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that last year Council authorized their auditor to go over the Capital Accounts. It seems to ask for that again would be redundant. He questioned the Rules and said this does not appear to be Old Business. This is New Business.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that this is Old Business because we talked about it when we brought the EIP guy from the State. It is Old Business. The new thing is forming the committee.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that then it is New Business.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it is Old Business because Mr. MacLean states it is Old Business.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked for an amendment that the Committee identifies the funds to pay for this audit on top of the creating the criteria for it and we find the money for this process.

Communications

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that we do have some funds in our Council budget. The money is there.

Mr. Tom Hahn stated that the last report we got for \$50,000 some was borrowed for something else.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that will be one of the first things they find out about.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that you have money in your budget and we

have a little bit of money in our budget. We want to do this correctly and we will cooperate. We want the untrust to disappear. It will be a joint efforts and I will cooperate.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked to be on the panel.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated you got it. You are welcome to it.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota

The Committee met on June 13; the next meeting is not scheduled at this time.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Robinson, Guridy, Affa

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is not scheduled.

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

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is not scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Robinson, MacLean

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

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Affa, Zucal

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

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Hendricks, Robinson

The Committee met this evening; then next meeting is scheduled for June 27 at 5:45 PM; that meeting follows a Water and Sewer Compliance Review Board meeting that starts at 5 PM.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair MacLean, Affa, Guridy

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

Controllers Report

Administration Report

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that Bank Reconciliation Review for the month ending January 31, 2018. The number prepared was 30 totaling \$27.8 million. One finding: Unmatched deposits, payments for taxes, business license, permits, etc. For December 2017, we identified desk sheet totals

for \$72,000 which can not be matched to the deposits. We recommend that the treasury should match the deposits to the desk sheets and reconciling items should be clear by the next month. The administration response is that we have a new bank now, and the deposit process has changed with check imaging and the smart safe. The treasury does provide reports to aid in the reconciliation deposits along with other detail breakouts. It is our hope and expectation that this problem is reconciled going forward as well.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that John Marchetto, the Director of Human Resources is retiring as of next Thursday, June 28th. That leaves the position opened. The Director of Human Resources position has been posted on the website and we are receiving applications. Tomorrow, Mr. MacLean and Ms. Mota are headed to Denver. We wish you the best in Denver. Bring it home. We will know Sunday night. Posted today, a Press Release was the \$75,000 for the Civic Grant Funding that Mr. Lightner put a form and application together and they are now available. We received a \$28,000 grant from PennDot for the Allentown Police Department. We have a wonderful Grant Writer, Bettina McClure and we are pushing out grants on a daily basis and we have been very successful.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that Bettina is one on the reasons that we are a finalist for the All America City Award.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that Bettina does a great job.

APPOINTMENTS:

15-2374	Name	Authority/Board/Commission	Term to Expire
	Louis Holzman	Arts Commission	01/03/2021

Louis Holzman will replace Ilene Hochberg (Wood) on the Arts Commission.

Attachments: [Arts Commission appointment - Louis Holzman](#)
[Resolution #29667](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if she had any comments from her colleagues or the public.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that a lot of young professionals have emerge through this process. He stated that he has known Ms. Holzman for years. He is a young gentleman that wants to get involved in city government and this is a the perfect place to get involved. We are continually filling the vacancies on the boards, authorities and commissions and I thank City Council.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 29667

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-2348](#)

Bill 31

Amending Article 393.15- Stormwater Utility Fee of the Business Regulation and Taxation Code to Further Explain how Stormwater Utility Fees are Calculated for Impervious Surfaces Held in Common Ownership, and to Adopt a System of Credits Providing for Reductions in Stormwater Utility Fees for Property Owners Who Install Facilities that Aid in Stormwater Management.

Attachments: [Bill 31 STORMWATER CREDIT](#)

[Allentown Community Engagement Program](#)

[Manual 06_01_2018_FINAL](#)

[Credit Manual 06_08_2018_F](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that maybe we should push this off until the next meeting since our Public Works meeting on the 27th will cover some more information regarding the credits.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that the subject matter expert is here tonight that gave the presentation.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that there will not be any changes other than what was discussed tonight. It is basically the credit incentives.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 15449

[15-2337](#)

Bill 24

Providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

Amendment:

1. Under Home Investment Partnerships remove Good Shepard Apartments and add the \$200,000 to the Allentown Community Revitalization Corporation.
2. Under Emergency Grants Program (ESG) delete Emergency Shelter Account and take the \$7,431 and add the funds to following accounts with new totals: Allentown Rescue Mission - \$31,668 and The Salvation Army - \$34,098.

Attachments: [Bill 24 CDBG](#)
[Ordinance #15450](#)

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that he had nothing else to add.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if we can make the amendment now. Can we make the amendment before.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked if there should be made as two separate motions and voted on twice since they are two separate amendments.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated whatever you prefer.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they are two different things.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that the reason he asked is because he plans on supporting one amendment and not the other.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if they could discuss both amendments.

Ms. Fran Fruhwirth stated separately or together.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that we are going to discuss one and two and vote on them separately.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked the administration about the \$200,000 for ACRC and do you know what you want to do with that money.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that the \$200,000 for ACRC is Allentown Community Revitalization Corporation. We are trying to turn ACRC into a CHODAL which is a Community Housing Development Organization. With HUD, every year we will receive 15 percent and the funds that we have has to go towards a CHODAL. The current CHODAL that we have right now is HADC. They don't have the capacity to continue to do a Housing Development that we are looking to do with the future.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if NHS is not a CHODAL anymore.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that to his understanding NHS was never a CHODAL.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked for Mr. Lightner to repeat that again.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that NHS is not a CHODAL. NHS doesn't do housing development.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they used to, but don't anymore.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated not in the 10 years I have been here. When we are talking about housing development, we are not talking about onesies and twosies. You are getting the heat from the community as well. We are looking for workforce housing. We are looking to develop larger scale, more capacity and affordable housing or workforce housing. Having a CHODAL or a community development organization that can help leverage with dealing with developers and a nonprofit. We can leverage these funds with tax credits and developers that develops 40 to 50 unit homes or affordable housing. Having ACRC is a backup plan. They are trying to create workforce housing. The \$200,000 helps with the other development.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked Mr. Lightner are you using this money to hire somebody. What will it be used for specifically?

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that it will go towards the development of workforce housing.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other questions from Council or the public.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked Mr. Lightner how many times did the board of ACRC met this year. What is the classification of ACRC? Is it classified as a 501(C)(3). He asked if we have on file that we are up to date with our paperwork. He asked about the timeframe of the designation and when does it have to be expended by.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that when he took the seat in February he brought ACRC board back together. We met twice since February 2017. He stated that ACRC is classified as a 501(C)(3). It is not a CHODAL right now. We have everything on file. We had the conversation with HUD and HUD is aware that this is something that we want to do. Once we get the application in they are saying that they are not going to prolong the process. They have given us the blessing to move forward. We are waiting for the application to go through. Our plan is to get it by the end of

the year. We have until December 2019.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he will be voting no on giving ACRC the \$200,000. He stated that it is not at his comfortable level and wants to have more debate and discussion on this. He recommended for his colleagues to vote no as well.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Mayor O'Connell and Mr. McMahon if they are comfortable with this.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that they are very comfortable with this with Mr. Lightner's leadership.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it should not be anymore discussion regarding this. This is great for the community. Why not do it? They need affordable housing.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that we hear it all the time.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager, Allentown Tenant Association, stated that under the administration plan after plan has come forward wasting money and hemorrhaging money and nothing get done. He stated that he has confidence that Mr. Lightner knows what he is doing. I think it should be more discussions. What is the \$200,000 exactly going to do? It should be tabled to have more discussion on it. He asked for Council to delay it.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that the community needs it and we are under a different administration. This is a new beginning for Allentown.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager stated that he gets it and he does live here. He asked if there was any money in ACRC.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that we hear it everyday that we need affordable housing or workforce housing. This \$200,000 was designated to go to Good Shepard. They had a housing plan to work with HDC. They did not get their tax credit and we had the \$200,000 just sitting there. This money should go towards housing development. He stated that 100 percent can go to housing. The housing prices are going up and there are blighted properties.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other questions from the public.

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Enactment No: 15450

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Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

No: 1 - Courtney Robinson

Enactment No: 15450

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 15450

[15-2331](#)

Bill 25 Amendment: Reclass 3 not 2 PTs

Amending the 2018 Liquid Fuels Fund budget to accommodate the reclassification of two (2) part-time Maintenance Worker II positions to two (2) full-time Maintenance Worker II positions in the Department of Public Works.

Attachments: [Bill 25 Liquid Fuels Reclass](#)

[Ordinance #15451](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Mr. Messinger to give Council information on what is going on and where the money is.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that there are three part-time positions that were budgeted in the Liquid Fuels Account. The part-time positions are budgeted 80 percent of the salary of where the MWII would be. We are having issues trying to fill these positions. Our allocation from Liquid Fuels is \$180,000 more of what they originally said it would be. We have the funding available to continue to fund these two positions as the years go.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was brought up at the Public Works Committee and forwarded favorably to Council.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other questions from Council or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 15451

[15-2338](#)

Bill 26

Amending the 2018 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars from the Wildlands Conservancy to the City of Allentown to assist with funding an alternate scope of work for the Auburn Cross Trails.

Attachments: [Bill 26 Auburn Cross Trails Donation](#)
[Ordinance #15452](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that this was passed favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 15452

[15-2341](#)

Bill 27

Amending the 2018 General Fund budget to accommodate the reclassification of Para-Police position to a Clerk II position in the Police Department resulting in a savings of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy (\$15,870) Dollars.

Attachments: [Bill 27 Para Police](#)
[Ordinance #15453](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it was voted on unanimously a favorably vote.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 15453

[15-2342](#)

Bill 28

Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) as a result of a donation from the Petco Foundation in support of the State Farm Arson Dog to the Allentown Fire Department for the purchase of Arson Dog Equipment and Supplies.

Attachments: [Bill 28 PETCO Donation](#)
[Ordinance #15454](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this was passed unanimous favorable decision to go to the full body.

Mr. Roger MacLean thanked Mr. Hendricks and asked if there were any

questions from Council or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 15454

[15-2344](#)

Bill 29

Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Six (\$14,606.00) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department to purchase and install SCBA Scott Revolve Air Smart Controller Equipment

Attachments: [Bill 29 OFSC Grant for SCBA Controller](#)

[Ordinance #15455](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that in Bill 27 it says that the savings are \$15,000, but the budgeted amounts for the para-police positions are listed as \$47,000 and the budget amounts for the Clerk II position is listed as \$42,000. The savings would be \$5,000, not \$15,000.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that they will get an answer from the administration.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it is a vacancy. The para-police is vacant.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that we are calculating it backwards for the vacancy factor.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 15455

[15-2345](#)

Bill 30

Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eighty-Seven Thousand Two-Hundred Seventy-Three (\$87,273.00) Dollars as a result of a grant from FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department to provide for Personal Bailout System Kits and PPE Retrofit.

Attachments: [Bill 30 FEMA AFG Grant for Bail Out Equipment](#)

[Ordinance #15456](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 15456

[15-2346](#)

Bill 32

Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000.00) as a result of funds received from The City of Bethlehem Fire Department

Attachments: [Bill 32 Fire Training Funds to Fire Premium Acct](#)

[Ordinance #15457](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 15457

[15-2357](#)

Bill 33

Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget and the 2018 Stormwater Fund Budget to provide for transfer of funds for the annual lease payment of equipment used for Stormwater operations as shown in Sections One through Four and the payment of the Stormwater fee for City-owned properties as shown in Section Five.

Attachments: [Bill 33 Stormwater Transfer](#)

[Ordinance #15458](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any question from Council or the public.

Yes: 5 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

No: 1 - Roger MacLean

Absent: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 15458

[15-2359](#)

Bill 34

Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred (\$17,500) Dollars from various local companies sponsoring the All-American City Award

competition.

Attachments: [Bill 34 Donations for All American Award](#)
[Ordinance #15459](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she is happy she is going and we are going to win.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that this is so that there are no tax dollars spent. He asked if there were any questions from the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 15459

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-2332](#)

R77

Approves the Submission of the Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

Attachments: [R77 CDBG ACTION PLAN](#)
[Resolution #29668](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 29668

[15-2369](#)

R80

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a Grant of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for use in the development of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Attachments: [R80 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GRANT](#)
[Resolution #29669](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 29669

[15-2372](#)

R81

Supports Senate Bill 1098, an amendment to the Vehicle Code to allow for the placement of cameras on school buses to capture violations.

Sponsors: Mr. Robinson and Mota

Attachments: [R81 Red means Stop](#)
[Resolution #29670](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it is self-explanatory and asked if there were any questions from Council.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he was happy to Sponsor this bill and very appreciative of Ms. Mota as a co-sponsor. He stated that he believes Mayor O'Connell signed off as the administration sponsoring this. This is a great example of citizen engagement in the process. Ms. Amber Clark who came to City Council before I was elected to speak on this issue was noticing before she would drop her daughter off at the bus on 15th and Allen Streets she took it upon herself to reach out to state lawmakers and really put a lot of effort to find a solution to this problem. Having spoken with Senator Browne's office who is the primary sponsor in the Senate and Representative Schlossberg and his staff who is the prime sponsor in the House not only is this a great example of this, but they both said they never had a citizen come with as much research and passion on this issue as Amber did. If everyone who came with a problem had done as much to solve the problem as her we could be a lot further along. It is a great example. I am excited to say that this Senate Bill moved out of the committee by a 26 - 0 vote and will be coming to the full Senate soon and then to the House. I think sending this Resolution of support would go a great way of helping this and I would ask all my colleagues to join me and Ms. Mota in supporting this.

Ms. Cynthia Mota congratulated Ms. Clark for being so resilient. She has gone through a lot. She shared her story and that is what mothers do, we fight for what we believe in. She did a great job. I agree with Mr. Robinson. She came prepared and lobbied. We have to keep our children safe. Safety comes first.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it is a lot of support for this.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks commended Ms. Clark on her actions. As a law enforcement officer for 30 years, this is sorely needed and I fully support it.

Ms. Candida Affa asked Ms. Clark's daughter, are you proud of your mommy.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other questions from Council or the public.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that you should have had that brought up first on the agenda because that little one has been sitting here. He asked for Ms. Clark daughter's last name.

Miss. Olivia Clark Ortiz stated Olivia Clark Ortiz. She stated that she really wants to stay safe because every time cars pass the school bus it makes me very angry and it feel very dangerous. My mom is trying to keep me safe because school bus cameras need to go on the bus. She said she votes yes because it will help people remind themselves not to pass the school bus. Everyone supposed to stay safe.

Ms. Amber Clark thanked Mr. Robinson and City Council. I actually approached Council last year before Mayor O'Connell was Mayor O'Connell and I got activated after speaking to you and seeking your support for the issue that we were seeing. Since then there are people here for different counties supporting us tonight and we have a Facebook page. I appreciate the city's support. Your support means a lot and I just want to say thank you.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other questions from the public.

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Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 29670

[15-2371](#)

R82
Cancels July 4th Council Meeting

Attachments: [R82 Cancels July 4th Council Meeting](#)
[Resolution #29671](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 29671

[15-2378](#)

R83 HARB Approvals

Certificates of Appropriateness for work at 25 N. 15th Street, 26 N. 11th Street, and 726 Gordon Street.

Attachments: [R83 HARB - 25 N. 15th Street, 26 N. 11th Street, and 726 Gordon Street](#)
[25 N 15th St FINAL REVIEW SHEET](#)
[26 N 11th St FINAL REVIEW SHEET](#)
[726 W Gordon St FINAL REVIEW SHEET](#)
[Resolution #29672](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council, the administration or the public.

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 29672

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

[15-2370](#)

Bill 35 Public Works, recommended favorably

Amending the 2018 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars from UGI to the City of Allentown for the installation of handicap ramps on Walnut Street from 10th Street to 15th Street as part of a cost sharing project.

Attachments: [Bill 35 UGI handicap ramp contribution](#)
[UGI HANDICAP RAMP AGREEMENT LTR](#)
[Ordinance #15460](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15460

[15-2376](#)

Bill 36 Human Resources, Administration and Appointments - Forwarded Favorably - Affa and Zucal (July 11)

Amending the 2018 Equipment Fund Budget and the 2018 General Fund Budget to provide for a transfer between funds in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$220,000) Dollars for changes to the existing Microsoft Enterprise Agreement as it relates to the Malware situation.

Attachments: [Bill 36 Microsoft Licensing](#)
[Ordinance #15464](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments.

REFERRED TO HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION AND
APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15464

[15-2375](#)

Bill 37 CEDC, recommended favorably
Amending the 2018 General Fund budget by adding a total of three positions in the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety. Two Housing Inspectors (14M, Step D) each budgeted at an annual salary of Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Sixty (\$50,560) Dollars and one Clerk III (8M, Step D) budgeted at an annual salary of Forty-Four Thousand Forty-Five (\$44,045) Dollars.

Attachments: [Bill 37 Housing Reorg](#)
[Ordinance #15461](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he has some questions.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he also has questions, but very happy about this.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from the public.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager asked if these positions currently opened or have they been filled.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that we will discuss it at the committee meeting.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15461

[15-2379](#)

Bill 38 Public Works, this evening
Providing for the vacation of a portion of Watson Street from the centerline of South Tenth Street in a Westerly direction 125 feet more or less to the southwest corner of the lot with the address of 2332 South Tenth Street.

Attachments: [Bill 38 Watson and S. 10th Streets](#)
[Staff Report - Watson Street from South 10th Street](#)
[Watson Street at S. 10th Street Map](#)
[Planning Department's Letter regarding Watson Street from South 10th Street](#)
[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission - Watson Street from South 10th Street to West Emmaus Avenue](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Watson Street from S. 10th Street to the Western Property Line of 1014 West Emaus Avenue - Street Vacation \(REVISED\)](#)
[Watson Street from South 10th to West Emmaus Avenue Labels](#)
[Allentown City Planning Commission Minutes March 13, 2018](#)
[Documents from Justin Emery regarding Watson Street from S. 10th Street to West Emaus Avenue](#)
[Ordinance #15462](#)

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15462

[15-2382](#)

Bill 39 Public Works, this evening
Providing for the vacation of a portion of Wye Street from the centerline of South Fourth Street to the centerline of vacated South Jordan Street .

Attachments: [Bill 39 Wye Street from the centerline of South Fourth Street to the centerline of vacated South Jordan Street](#)
[Staff Report - Wye Street from South 4th Street to Vacated South Jordan Street](#)
[Wye from from Jordan Street Map](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Street Vacation - Portion of Wye Street Approximately 100 feet west from Jordan Street](#)
[Wye from Jordan Street Labels](#)
[Planning Department's Letter regarding Wye Street from South 4th Street](#)
[Letter from R. Douglas Stewart from the Planning Department regarding Wye Street from South 4th Street - Street Vacation](#)
[Allentown City Planning Commission Minutes March 13, 2018](#)
[Allentown City Planning Commission Meeting - April 10, 2018](#)
[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission - Portion of Wye Street](#)
[Ordinance #15463](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15463

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

NEW BUSINESS: NONE**GOOD AND WELFARE**

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she just wants to say thank you to all the people that sponsored us for the All American City. We are going to be working really hard to bring this award to the city. I am really honored to be going there to do that.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he agrees and he also feels it is an honor to be out there trying to work for our city.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he thinks what you are seeing tonight with some of the things proposed he thinks we are beginning to see like Ms. Mota said I am only on the job three months and Mr. McMahon, two weeks. The city staff very committed and very dedicated and very loyal employees. I think with City Council, the Legislative branch and the Executive Branch I am beginning to see the best of people and the best of their work ethics are coming out. Obviously, that has been questioned in the past and that past is past. I am sensing the beginning of a good relationship between the City Council as the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch of the Mayor's office and the city staff. At times, we will agree to disagree and we will do it in a respectful and cooperative manner. He thanked Council for their support.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he agrees with Mayor O'Connell. This goes a long way and we will continue to move forward.

ADJOURNED: 8:45 PM