



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Notice: This meeting is videotaped and posted on the city website; and live-streamed on the city's website.

Invocation: Councilperson Robinson

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. Louis Hershman, 405 N. Gilmore Street, asked about the bond rating and if it affected the interest rate. He asked about four trucks at Cedar Beach pool. He asked is it because of flooding. He talked about the pros and cons of the parking fines. He asked if there is a conflict of interest from a serving on a board and voting as a member of Council.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that after a lot of work with the underwriters and Bond Counsel we have completed the preliminary offering statement. The rating is in front of Standard & Poors. The interest rate environment improve further. The 10 year treasury continues to fall.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that Council is there for a reason. We are the watchdogs. We are a valuable to person to be voting to protect the citizens.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated by state law the member of City Council is assigned to the Parking Authority Board. He stated that he doesn't believe there was flooding at Cedar Beach. It was clean up from heavy rains.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that it was addressed at a meeting two weeks ago and our Solicitor stated that because state law mandates that a member of this Council has to sit on the board. Under the state ethics code and Allentown Ethics Board it is up to the individual member on whether they have a conflict of interest.

Mr. Juan Camacho stated that is correct and added that if it is an inquiry to be made it would be made to the Ethics board.

Ms. Gabriela Felis, 230 N. Fulton Street, stated she has been living there since 2007. A halfway house was placed next door. The day before yesterday she woke up and a gentleman broke into her home and walked into her bedroom. She yelled and said who are you. He stared her down and walked further into her bedroom closer to her bed. She yelled for her mom to help and he pulled her legs and tried to grab her by her arms. Her mom walked into the bedroom and tried to protect her. He assaulted her and tried to push her off. Her dad ran into her bedroom in the middle of the night and fought and the man escaped. The police caught him and said that they would only charge him with trespassing because he didn't assault her. She stated that something needs to be done. There should be a way not to put these houses next to children.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked the address of the halfway house.

Ms. Gabriela Felis stated 232 N. Fulton Street. She stated that she has to replace this door. To place this home there, what kinds of permission was asked if this is the Historic area.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Mr. Hendrick did he know who is the PSA Captain on 2.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Charles Roca. The mayor is writing notes down.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Ms. Felis to leave her information with Mr. Hanlon and they will have Captain Roca get a hold of her.

Mr. Joseph Hoffman, 761 St. John Street, stated the Zoning Hearing Board denied a request to place three large apartment units on South Mountain Hill in the Emaus Avenue area of Allentown. David McGuire and he offered to begin a search to find monies to purchase that property and preserve as open space. He has not heard any result of a study or any indication of something being done or the property is not worth a preservation effort.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Mayor O'Connell and Joe McMahon for an answer for the next Council meeting.

Ms. Kari Holmes, 1147 E. Marks Street, thanked Council and gave a big thank you for the Black History Month Celebration in City Hall. She appreciates the diversity for not only her event, but encouragement. She

provided some commemorative magazines they had printed. She thanked Cynthia Mota, Julio Guridy, Candida Affa and Courtney Robinson. She thanked them for affixing their signatures on the Proclamations.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that it was a wonderful event. Was it a dance school the young people were dancing at the beginning of the program.

Ms. Kari Holmes stated that they came from a Charter School in Allentown. She stated Aisha Burton is a dance instructor from Born Into the Arts on Union Boulevard on the east side.

Mr. Fred Montgomery, 1426 W. Liberty Street, thanked Council and the Mayor for supporting the Black History Month. The kids did a wonderful job and exhibit the wonderful teaching. We have a city that is mobile and moving forward. It was a great celebration. It was all inclusive.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked the Rising Sun Initiative and Pastor Kari Holmes. The team is doing different things to get the youth involved.

Mr. Louis Acevedo - Mountainville Memorial Little League, stated that they have been having issues for the past six months. The cops are involved. The discussions have been about insurance. Mountainville Memorial Little League paid \$4,646 towards the insurance and only got six months out of it. Mountainville Association has no money. They call themselves Mountainville Outlaws and they lost football, softball, no power, no heat in the building the Association and owes \$3,600 in heating bills. The water bills they owe \$400. The Centa Fire Protection put them in collection for \$942. They seized Mountainville Memorial building. They took over our equipment, concession stands, and fields. They elected new officials and broke the bylaws. He suggested that City Council and the Mayor to look at their books.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that with Mr. Lightner's crew and Ms. El-Chaar we can get something together.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that the two organizations don't get along. Parks and Recreation with Ryan Griffiths, Karen and Rick have spent countless hours helping Mr. Acevedo with this problem and will continue to work on this situation. We don't want to penalize the children. There may be court action somewhere down the line. We will continue to work with Mr. Acevedo.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that if we can get the building inspected too, if it is that bad.

Mr. Louis Acevedo stated that he took pictures and forwarded to the city this morning.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated Community and Economic Development has been there and we will continue to work on it with Mr. Lightner's staff.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Patrick Palmer stated that about a year ago there was a loan that the city refinanced because of the interest rate. Do we know what happened with that? He asked Mr. Robinson about the woman from the Preservation League.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that is what Mr. Hershman was questioning earlier.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that back in August of last year we brought to you parameters of a possible bond refinancing issues. There could be up to four existing bonds for the city. We decided to refinance two of those bonds because the interest rate environment was more favorable to us.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that Mr. Kimmerly can help with that with HARB and it was Lauren Golden with the Allentown Preservation League at their warehouse at 1528 W. Walnut.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Roger J. MacLean that this be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[15-2845](#)

March 6, 2019 City Council Contract Approval Meetings Minutes

Attachments: [March 6, 2019 City Council Contract Approval Meetings Minutes](#)

Old Business

Communications

Keep America Beautiful Volunteer of the Year Award, Girl Scout Troop # 61

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**Budget and Finance: Chair Guridy, Hendricks, Mota**

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

Community and Economic Development: Chair Robinson, Guridy, Affa

The Committee met March 13; there is a meeting scheduled on March 27th, time to be determined.

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

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for April 3rd..

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Robinson, MacLean

The Committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Affa, Zucal

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Hendricks, Robinson

The Committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; no future meetings are scheduled.

Controllers Report**Administration Report****APPOINTMENTS:**

[15-2843](#) Ricardo Ortiz, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 04/04/2021

Attachments: [Memo from Mayor O'Connell regarding Ricardo Ortiz - Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-2727](#) Bill 4
Amending the Zoning Map by rezoning parcels at 1216, 1224, 1228 and

1236 South Meadow Street from R-ML Residential Medium Low Density to B-3 Highway Business.

Attachments: [Bill 4 Rezoning](#)

[Bill 4 Exhibit A](#)

[ACPC recommendation \(Rezoning\)](#)

[REZONING - ACPC Minutes](#)

[Rezoning Labels for 1216, 1224, 1228 and 1236 South Meadow Street](#)

[Receipt from the Lehigh County Law Department for Rezoning of Meadow Street from RML to B3](#)

[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Bill 4 Amending Zoning Map to Rezone Parcels at 1216, 1224, 1228, and 1236 South Meadow Street R-ML to B-3](#)

[Rezoning Posting - 1216, 1224, 1228, 1236 S. Meadow Street](#)

[Letter from David Kimmerly regarding 1224, 1228, 1236 S. Meadow Street RML to B3 - The Allentown Planning Commission Ratified Previous Favorable Recommendation](#)

[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding 1216, 1224, 1228, and 1236 South Meadow Street RML to B3](#)

[Posting - 1216, 1224, 1228, 1236 S. Meadow Street - Public Hearing March 20, 2019](#)

[Ordinance #15518](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that they had the Public Hearing before the Council meeting. He asked if there were any 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: 15518

15-2729

Bill 5

Providing for the vacation of a portion of South Jute Street from the centerline of Juniata Street in a Northerly direction 215' more or less to the South Jute Street limit within the subject block in the Sixteenth Ward of the City of Allentown.

Attachments: [Bill 5 South Jute Street from the centerline of Juniata Street](#)
[South Jute Street from the centerline of Juniata Street - Staff Report](#)
[Letter from Douglas Stewart regarding Vacation of South Jute Street from the center line of Juniata Street North 215 Feet](#)
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission - Street Vacation Request - South Jute Street from Juniata Street to Susquehanna Street](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding South Jute from Juniata Street to Susquehanna Street - Street Vacation Petition](#)
[Rezoning Labels for 1216, 1224, 1228 and 1236 South Meadow Street](#)
[Staff Report - Meadow, 4th, Susquehanna and Juniata Streets](#)
[Bill 5 Map](#)
[Ordinance #15519](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it all part of the package earlier and Bill 4. Any comments or 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: 15519

[15-2789](#)

Bill 11

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Bureau of Environmental Protection for reimbursement of restoration and protection program work on the Livingston Watershed.

Attachments: [Bill 11 Livingston Watershet DEP Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15520](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was at the Public Works committee and it was recommended favorably to the full Council.

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: 15520

[15-2790](#)

Bill 12

Amending the 2019 Solid Waste Fund Budget for a supplemental appropriation of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) as a result of a scholarship received from Keep America Beautiful to attend the Keep America Beautiful 2019 National Conference.

Attachments: [Bill 12 KAB Scholarship](#)
[Ordinance #15521](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was recommended favorably.

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: 15521

[15-2815](#)

Bill 14

Amending the 2019 Trexler Fund Budget and the 2019 Capital Fund to transfer Two Hundred Thirty Thousand (\$230,000) Dollars from the unappropriated balance of the Trexler Fund to the 2019 Capital Fund Project 2209, Mack Pool Improvements for repairs to the pool and pool house roof. (The roof project will allow for a concession stand to be re-opened in the future. The work on the pool is necessary preventive maintenance. Funds will also help the City meet its requirement of the Trexler Trust.)

Attachments: [Bill 14 Mack Renovations](#)
[Ordinance #15522](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was recommended favorably, 3 - 0.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he wanted to comment that this would be needed as part of the Chance Feeding Program. This is going to become a feeding site and we will expand it further. It will be sorely needed and beneficial to the community.

Mr. Roger Maclean asked if there were any other 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: 15522

[15-2816](#)

Bill 15

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) from AARP to assist with the purchase of benches and shade structures for the Dixon Street Dog Park.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 15 AARP Dog Park Donation](#)
[Ordinance #15523](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was recommended favorably to full Council.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments or 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: 15523

[15-2817](#)

Bill 16

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for developing a plan for the renovations of the Andre Reed Park for the pool, pool house and other related site improvements.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 16 Andre Reed Park DCNR Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15524](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was recommended favorably from full Council.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments or 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: 15524

[15-2818](#)

Bill 17

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) toward developing a master site plan for Lehigh Canal and Franklin Parks.

Attachments: [Bill 17 Lehigh Canal and Franklin Park DCNR Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15525](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was recommended favorably for full Council.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments or 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: 15525

[15-2819](#)

Bill 18

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) toward developing a master site plan for Percy Ruhe Park.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 18 Percy Ruhe DCNR Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15526](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was also recommended favorably for the full Council.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions or 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: 15526

[15-2824](#)

Bill 19

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) toward the construction of a skatepark at Jordan Park.

Attachments: [Bill 19 Jordan Skatepark DCNR Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15527](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was recommended favorably to full Council.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments or 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: 15527

[15-2823](#)

Bill 20

Amending Article 1759, Licensing Residential Rental Units, Section 1759.99 Fees/Penalties and Article 1760.99 Fees/Penalties, Pre-Sales Inspection of Residential Properties and Units by adding a fee of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for cancelling a scheduled inspection with less than Forty-Eight (48) hour notice for the first three (3) units and Twenty-Five (\$25) for each unit thereafter.

Attachments: [Bill 20 Rental Unit Inspection Cancellation Fee](#)
[Ordinance #15528](#)

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that this bill was before the committee last week. It was approved and sent forward favorably, 3 - 0. There was a discussion about the purpose of the bill and why it was going from \$100 to no fee right now.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions or comments from Council. He asked Mr. Lightner if he was good with the presentation last week.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated yes.

Mr. Roger Maclean asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Enactment No: 15528

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

Enactment No: 15528

[15-2820](#)

Bill 21

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars as the result of a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the payment of professional services to design, complete construction documents, provide bid assistance and build a portion of the Allentown section of the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail that will run from Turner St. to Jordan Park and MacArthur Rd.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 21 Jordan Greenway Trail](#)
[Ordinance #15529](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it was recommended favorably to full Council.

Mr. Roger Maclean asked if there were any comments or 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: 15529

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-2841](#)

R22

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:
809 W. Turner Street and 428 – 440 N. 6th Street

Attachments: [R22 March 2019 HARB Cases](#)

[809 W Turner St Final Review](#)

[428-440 N 6th St Final Review](#)

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that these are relatively routine. He stated that 809 W. Turner Street is basically reconstruction of a side porch that was removed and replaced with a temporary structure. He stated that 428 - 440 N. 6th Street is somewhat unusual with the demolition to all the buildings on the property. the property is known as a funeral home at 436 N. Sixth Street. After reviewing all the information that was provided by the Redevelopment Authority the Historical Architectural Review Board decided that the best action was to demolition the buildings.

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

Mr. Julio Guridy asked who pays for this demolition.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that the actual demolition funding would be determined by the Redevelopment Authority. it's a possibility that it might be CDBG HUD funding.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is a pretty large property.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that right now where the funds are coming from, if it is CDBG funds, apply for grants. All the money is in demolition grants. There has been a developer that looked at that site.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that the housing that will go in there has to be consistent to the housing in the historic district. He asked about the condition of the property and if there is anything in the property that is worth salvaging of any architectural pieces.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that a few years ago there was an attempt to salvage any historic parts that could be in there. After the last environmental study and the environmental engineering there is too much mold that's all over inside that building. The mold has gone through the wood.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that there is a large marble fireplace inside the building. H e stated that he doesn't know if it would be feasible before demolition to try to salvage that. He stated to Mr. Lightner that he knows he took over a department and the Redevelopment Authority that was in

complete disarray and previous made is not appropriate for you to hold you or your current staff accountable for, but he is encourage and very please with the fact that the Redevelopment Authority sent it to do roof repairs on future properties. He asked if this will be looked at as an official policy of the Redevelopment Authority.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that it is tile fireplace.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated absolutely. Kelly McElroy has taken over and been with us for a year now with the Redevelopment Authority. He stated that it is going to be a policy.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other 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: 29779

[15-2846](#)

R23

Authorizes encroachment for Plaque placement @ Soldier & Sailor's Monument

Attachments: [R23 Soldier Sailor's Monument Encroachment](#)
[Soldier Sailor's Monument Encroachment Application](#)

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that if it is approved we will celebrate together.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that we both. He asked if there were any questions from Council.

Mr. Courtney Robinson thanked the administration and the Public Works and Community and Economic Development Department for expediting this once it was finally received.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that once the application was finally received.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other 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: 29780

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

[15-2844](#)

Bill 23 Budget and Finance, this evening

Amending the 2019 General Fund, the 2019 Risk Fund, the 2019 Solid Waste Fund, the 2019 Equipment Fund, the 2019 Trexler Fund, 2019 E-911 Fund and the 2019 Stormwater Fund by appropriating funds from the un-appropriated balances for the rollover of encumbrances for the prior year commitments.

Attachments: [Bill 23 PO Rollover 2018 to 2019](#)
[Bill 23 Amendment](#)

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Enactment No: 15531

[15-2847](#) Bill 24 CED Committee, forwarded favorably with amendments Amending Title Eleven, Authorities, Boards and Commissions by adding Article 172, Small Business Advisory Board. The purpose of the board is to advise the Mayor and Council on issues relating to small businesses in Allentown.

Sponsors: Affa and Mr. Robinson

Attachments: [Bill 24 Business Advisory Council](#)
[Bill 24 Amended](#)
[Mayor Appointment](#)

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that it will be addressed at the meeting on the 27th at 7:00 PM.

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

[15-2842](#) Bill 25 CED Committee, forwarded favorably Amending the 2019 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) from Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) to hire a professional historic preservation consultant to complete a historic preservation plan.

Attachments: [Bill 25 PHMC GRANT - HARB](#)
[PHMC Grant notification letter](#)

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that this will also be handled at the March 27th meeting or the public.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he has something for new business. He watched Channel 69 News last night and he doesn't know why or what is going on, but Mr. Hyman seems to be negotiating sales of property in the media now. He stated that he was dismayed by his comment. Council will be doing a Hearing on the State Hospital property, but one of the comments that Mr. Hyman made is that if the city does not vote to preserve the buildings at best it is an act of cowardliness and at worst it's an act of corruption. He stated that he can assure him that neither of them would fit me. If he wants to negotiate something, he needs to contact the state and try to negotiate. It is completely uncalled for.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he supports Mr. MacLean comments about the situation.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she was commented on the fact that Mike Schlossberg called her and it had nothing to do with that. She stated that she was accused of backing down on the Resolution and that is not true.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he talked to Mike Schlossberg too, and it was informative.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that we don't own the property and we don't negotiate property we don't own. He stated that he finds it offensive that Mr. Hyman would make that comment about corruption.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated to join them on Saturday for Women's History Month from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. She stated that Ngozi and her community are working hard to put this event together.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments on Good and Welfare.

ADJOURNED: 8:24 PM