



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

6:15 PM

Council Chambers

Council Meeting

The Council meeting was rescheduled due to an internet outage which impacted the ability to solicit comments and livestream the meeting.

City Council plans to conduct regularly scheduled Council Meetings. Our intent is to continue to ensure an open government by conducting regularly scheduled council meetings with active public participation, while implementing safety precautions established by the CDC and Commonwealth Health Department and following Governor Wolf's Order. These accommodations are shaped by guidance offered by the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records and are consistent with our Home Rule Charter and applicable laws.

Essential Issues: Council will only consider legislation that is essential and important to city operations – we do not plan to entertain any legislation dealing with sensitive neighborhood issues like re-zonings and the like.

Remote Participation of Councilmembers, City Staff and our Citizens: While the Council and City Hall doors are physically closed to the public, the Council Chambers are open to the public through electronic means. The public, City staff and councilpersons are afforded the opportunity to participate remotely. Councilpersons and city staff participating in chambers will follow CDC guidelines – six-foot separation, separate microphones and wearing masks. These efforts are geared towards minimizing the number of people in the room and at the same time to protect against community spread of the virus. Also, to protect against community spread, members of the public are invited to participate in public comment and courtesy of the floor through electronic means. We will be making every effort to create as many opportunities for residents to comment on legislation and bring issues to Courtesy of the Floor.

Encouraging Written Public Comments and Courtesy of the Floor Statements: Public comments will be accepted in writing through an email to the City Clerk at Michael.Hanlon@Allentownpa.gov or sending an email to Public.Comment@Allentownpa.gov. Emailed public comment must be submitted by 5:00 pm on the day of the meeting to make it available and distribute it. The comments received will be read into the record by the City Clerk. The email must follow the regular format of council meetings – include your name and address on the email. A Courtesy of the Floor section will be created for items not on the agenda.

Live Comments During the Meeting: Email - Council will be taking live comments during the meeting following the regular protocols using email. Email can be sent to the City Clerk at Michael.Hanlon@Allentownpa.gov or to Public.Comment@Allentownpa.gov. A reminder that comments must be directed to legislation under review except for Courtesy of the Floor.

The meeting is live streamed and can be found at the city website: <https://www.allentownpa.gov/> under Public Meetings or simply go directly to the link <https://allentownpa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. Make sure the drop-down menu references City Council and is on the current month. The complete agenda and legislation are found there. When the meeting starts, it will say Meeting in Progress on the right-hand side. Click that and you will join the meeting. The live stream works best with up to date browsers. After the meeting is over, the video will be uploaded into the file. Should you have any questions on this, call the City Council Office at 610-437-7556.

Record of Meeting: The video and minutes of the meeting will be posted on the City website as soon as possible after the meeting for review.

Invocation: Councilperson Zucal

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call: President Hendricks

Candida Affa and Cynthia Mota participated remotely using Microsoft

Present: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

The email messages below were received by the City Clerk and read into the record by the City Clerk.

Nat L. Hyman, CEO
The Hyman Group

As you know, at the last Council meeting you selectively read an email from a former employee of mine which was both defamatory and untrue. Accordingly, I think it only reasonable that you read the following publicly at the next Council meeting:

“ I would like to publicly apologize to Mr. Nat Hyman. At the last Council meeting I read an email from a former employee of his, which contained false statements. Mr. Hyman is a respected member of the Allentown business community and that email should not have been read without first verifying it’s validity.”

So that we can put this matter behind us amicably, I would ask that this statement be read exactly as written herein.

Thank you,

April Riddick, Regional prosperity district

Hi I have seen the document on the Controller's website for the regional prosperity district. I know that times are going to be tough. I like the idea of a tax that is not a property tax. I am hoping you will support this idea.

Hillary Kleinz , 528 Muhlenberg St.

Please send my note to the Mayor and City council members

I have heard about the Regional Prosperity district that will bring in new money to the city without increasing my property tax. There will also be money to make investments into Allentown. Please support this idea.

Ettore J. Angelo, Esq.

ATTN: MICHAEL HANLON

Dear Mr. Hanlon: I am requesting two things as it relates to my email below, which I sent to Mayor O'Connell yesterday, Monday, May 11, at 7:59AM:

1. that it be read into the record at the Council Meeting scheduled for tomorrow night, that is, so that it is entered into the minutes of the meeting; and
2. that Council Resolve at that meeting to support the Pinsley/Siegel Tax Plan.

My office address where I have practiced law for the last 35 years is:

Sovereign Executive Office Building

1st Floor
609 W. Hamilton St.
Allentown, PA 18101

Alan Jennings | Executive Director
Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley

I ask that you share the following comments with my friends on City Council prior to tonight’s meeting:

I understand that Council will be discussing the county controller’s proposal to explore a regional revenue-sharing initiative. This proposal is very similar to one that was actively pursued in the late 1990’s into the early 2000’s. CACLV was then and remains now, a strong proponent of this concept, in large part because it will lighten some of the burden of the region’s challenges the city and urbanized boroughs and share that burden throughout the county.

I would urge you support the proposal.

Thanks for your hard work on behalf of our city.

Hasshan Batts

Please include the following in tonight’s meeting:

Access to prosperity grounded in equity is critical to individual, family and community wellness.

I support the further exploration of a strategic and specific Regional Prosperity District with the requirement that it is grounded in an equity lens and is led and designed by the people that continually experience disparate impact across our community. We must use this as an opportunity to repair some of the structural harms that continue to negatively impact the health and life outcomes of our neighbors.

Thank you for prioritizing this crucial issue.

Julie Thomases, 824 N. Broad St.

I am writing in support of further investigation of the proposal to create a Lehigh County Regional Prosperity District put forth by Lehigh County Controller, Mark Pinsley and Allentown City Council person, Josh Siegel. I am in favor of a robust public community discussion on all the opportunities, benefits and challenges such a district would create.

Historically it is known that a vibrant arts community has been a catalyst in boosting the economy of municipalities across the country through job creation and its spin-off effects. Of course, the ramifications of the proposed new taxes need to be thoroughly explored. Key to the success of this district is the fair and equitable administration, allocation and distribution of funds. And to be clear, funding can be used for areas other than the arts such as universal Pre-K, re-entry programs, STEAM programs and regional healthcare. I look forward to being an integral part of these discussions.

Victor Martinez
CEO, VP Broadcasting, LLC
1125 Colorado St.

Dear Mayor and Allentown City Council,

I have watched with great interest the proposal titled Regional Prosperity District, made by Lehigh County Controller Mark Pinsley and City Councilman Josh Siegel.

I encourage you to support further investigation into this idea.

I'm sure you, like me, have been around long enough to realize that we are in pretty unprecedented times. If this was just a painful recession, we'd be wincing but know there is a somewhat predictable path. We have no idea how long this will last. But this time does give us a moment to plan for the future. We have a huge Hispanic population in Allentown. We are the majority, minority. We need to find alternatives to the property tax and we need new revenue that can propel Allentown into the future. Please support this endeavor and make it *clear* to the County that our planning should not wait until the last minute. We can not count on Federal or State aid, we must take care of our citizens.

Thank you,

Emily Carter, 1314 E Woodlawn St

Mr. Hanlon and Members of Council:

I'm writing to express my support for the Regional Prosperity District plan proposed by the Lehigh County Controller's Office and to urge city officials to support it as well. COVID-19 has exacerbated the already difficult financial position our city finds ourselves in, and I believe our residents and businesses will face severe hardship if local officials do not take action. This plan would give the county the tools to raise needed revenue (without raising property taxes) once we are past the immediate crisis, to be used for municipal budget relief and assistance to local enterprises in arts and technology. Allentown's residents and business owners deserve the chance to not only survive, but thrive and grow economically in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Thank you for your service to the city and for your consideration.

Greetings Mr. Hanlon and respected members
of the Allentown City Council,

Sincere hopes that this mailing finds you and yours happy, healthy, safe and well as we all navigate our way through these unprecedented times in the history of our communities, Lehigh Valley, Commonwealth, nation and world.

Jeff Kennedy Faubert
1965 Willings Lane

I am writing in support of the proposal to create a Regional Prosperity District in Lehigh County. I believe this represents good public policy that could allow communities from Slatington to Allentown to

make critical investments in their community without overburdening their already stressed tax bases.

The Regional Prosperity District gives us the chance to invest in real property tax relief, infrastructure and critical services to local residents by diversifying our income and ensuring that the county's success and growth lifts all communities.

This proposal has worked in Allegheny County, where it helped Pittsburgh and all of the surrounding municipalities invest in key assets and attractions which drew more tourists, increased job growth and further increased local tax revenue.

The anticipated success of this District would mean the opportunity to expand into Northampton County as well that the whole of the Lehigh Valley would benefit.

We have a chance as a county to be a leader and proactive thinker in addressing some key challenges that all of our community's face in the long-run. Allentown should move to support this plan now.

Respectfully and Sincerely Submitted,

Approval of Minutes:

[15-3543](#) April 15, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 15, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Note: Council conducted a Special Council meeting on April 27. In light of the current pandemic and applicable government orders and guidance, the meeting was conducted using remote means. Councilperson Zucal was participating in the meeting remotely, as was some other Council members. During the roll call vote, he was expressing his vote in favor of the legislation but a glitch prevented Council from hearing his vote. Mr. Zucal was a sponsor of the legislation. As soon as practicable after the meeting, he notified the City Clerk that he had been expressing his vote in affirmance of the legislation while the City Clerk was conducting the vote. We have checked with the solicitor's office and under this unique set of circumstances, this one time, unless there is an objection, the minutes of that meeting will note his vote in the affirmative. Additionally, the glitch was looked into, its cause identified and addressed, so that it will not recur.

[15-3557](#) April 27, 2020 Special City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 27, 2020 Special City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Old Business

Mr. Ed Zucal asked Mr. Hendricks if he could read the note attached to the meeting from April 27th regarding the extension of the tax.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Council conducted a Special Council meeting on April 27. In light of the current pandemic and applicable government orders and guidance, the meeting was conducted using remote means. Councilperson Zucal was participating in the meeting

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Mr. Julio Guridy asked what legislation was that for.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was to extend paying the tax.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated until the end of the year.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated the discount rate was moved to August 31 and the due date on December 31.

Communications: NONE

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Contract Approval: The next contract approval meeting will take place on May 20th at 6:45 PM.

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Guridy, Mota

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting will take place on May 20 at 5 PM. That agenda would consist of 1/ reviewing the city's financial modeling and the fiscal impact of the pandemic; 2/ preliminary discussion and information gathering and best practices on priority based budgeting and performance standards; and 3/ list out some components of a governance committee based on the Novak report and best practices.

CEDC: Chair Guridy, Gerlach, Affa

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

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

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Gerlach, Siegel

The committee has not met since the last Council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

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

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for May 20 at 6:30 PM

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Hendricks, Guridy, Gerlach

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for May 20 at 6:15PM.

[15-3578](#)

Controllers Reports:

Attachments: [Bank Reconciliation Review For The Month End Date 02-29-2020](#)
[Bank Reconciliation Review For The Month End Date 01-31-2020](#)
[Accounts Payable Weekly Check Review 02-29 to 03-27-2020](#)
[P-Card Review February 2020](#)
[Follow UP To 10-02-19 TELADOC Review](#)

Mr. Jeff Glazier directed Council and the public to the number of Reports on Granicus and also the Controller's website. He stated that he looks forward to the time when he can give those Reports in person.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Glazier and stated that they also look forward to those times. Hopefully, sooner rather than later.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Mr. Hanlon will read a letter sent to Senator Toomey, Senator Casey and all local representatives into the record.

Mr. Michael Hanlon read as it states Dear Honorable Members of Congress, we the Mayors of Pennsylvania's 15 largest cities urge you to lead and support efforts to include local emergency fiscal assistance in the next CARES Legislative Relief Package. State and local governments have been and will continue to be on the forefront of combating the Covid-19 virus. While we continue to fight the pandemic and mitigate its spread, we are also planning for reopening our economies, re-imagining how to bring back social engagements and a sense of certainty to our communities and addressing potentially catastrophic drop-offs in revenues. Many of us are facing percentage revenue shortfalls in the high teens and greater with dire long-term budget forecasts as the country moves into recession. This is an untenable situation and can quickly become a national emergency. Pennsylvania's regional economy accounts for over 92 percent of the Commonwealth economic output. Our local economies will determine Pennsylvania's ability to recover from affects of the COVID - 19 pandemic. We will not be successful without significant fiscal relief and economic recovery assistance from Washington. We are counting on your to pass a local government fiscal assistance bill of at least \$250 billion for the coming year to support us in this fight in our cities and across Pennsylvania. We ask that these funds go cities like ours so that we may obtain these critical funds as soon as possible and have the flexibility to ensure that we continue to provide essential police, fire, public health and Public Works services for our residents as this crisis continues. It is signed by 15 Mayors from the largest cities.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon.

APPOINTMENTS: None

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that this should be an opportunity for discussion. The discussion is limited to the topic of Suspending the Rules and each individual Bill will be looked at individually and discussed individually.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Bill 22 was introduced last week. He stated that Bill 27, Bill 28, Bill 29, and Bill 30 are normally sent to committee, but they want to waive that process and talk about it tonight and vote on it tonight.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if everyone involved in these Bills are available to talk tonight.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any discussions. Any questions, comments and concerns from any of his colleagues.

A motion was made by Julio Guridy, seconded by Cynthia Mota, that this be Suspend The Rules. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Bill 22-2020

The question was forwarded to the City Clerk and answered prior to the meeting.

Would you please answer the following:

a) Is it legal to authorize expenditures of revenue from CDBG program funds when it is apparent that, the current CDBG account has insufficient revenue. As of march 31 the CDBG fund has only 437,413 dollars. As a matter of fact all Community Development accounts together show a total of 2.3 M .

In addition last week the administration announced a 400K rental assist program. Which I assume is tagged to the 2.3M stated above.

Please explain your account/financial strategy on this Bill 22

Response from Mr. Lighter: CDBG is not insufficient revenue. The funds are not held in a city revenue account, the funds are held in a HUD account, and the funds are withdrawn on a reimbursable expenditure basis. I'm not sure where he is getting the \$437,413 figure; our revenue status does indicate a shortage.

Also, in response to the Rental Assistance Program, I took money from 2019 home funds dollars. These funds were not tied to the \$2.3M, and the CARES-ACT rules allowed for us to use old money for COVID relief.

[15-3521](#)

Bill 22

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, 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.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 22 Establishes HUD 46th Year Accounts](#)

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that he is on the line and will have Maria Quigney, the HUD Grants Manager, to give highlights on the HUD 46 Year.

Ms. Maria Quigney stated that they have Bill 22 that will be adding \$3.4 million to the CDBG Budget. That will include funding for CDBG, HOME Investment Program, and the Emergency Shelter. There is a listing of all of the funds that they have allocated for various organizations, city and some housing along with the emergency shelters. The process of coming up with these numbers are through an application process, scoring process and a panel of judges that determine how much funds goes to each organization. Many of these nonprofit agencies have been with the city of Allentown for many years along with some new home projects that are coming up including the Allentown Housing Authority and a HBC Mid Atlantic Project coming up. The shelters are the same shelters that they fund each year.

Mr. Leonard Lightner asked if Council had any questions.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Lightner and asked if there were any questions from his colleagues.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if in the future there is a second round of funding if a nonprofit is interested in applying for the funding. What is the standard process?

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that this is the normal HUD funding that the city gets every year. This is the 46 Year that the city received the normal funding.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Josh and Ce Ce are new. We do this every year. There are a number of organizations. Basically, we

give away \$10,000 to a lot of the organizations and some organizations get a lot more. Some of the money stays within the administration because of HUD requirements for operations and to be able to manage the program. He asked if Michael was on the committee this year.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that this year he was not, but been on it for most years. This is the same distribution that is essentially panned out every year.

Mr. Leonard Lightner segwayed to Ms. Gerlach's question. When they go through this round it is a two to three month process. There is an application process, advertising process, scoring process which has a timeframe for documentation to come in and the city tries to work with organizations to help them understand the process. The city even offer a few days prior to the advertisements and we will give them classes and spend time with them on how the process works. In 2018 and 2019, they offered the opportunities for people to come into the Council Chambers and walked them through how to submit an application that is scoreable.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Ms. Candida Affa stated to make this clear, the funds are not held at the city. This is all coming from a HUD account.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that is correct. HUD provides us with an award letter. The never hits the city. It is money put into an account with HUD. The city fronts the money and HUD reimburses us.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that there was one concern.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker asked if it is legal to authorize expenditures of revenue from a CDBG program funds when it is apparent that the current CDBG account has insufficient revenue. As of March 31, the CDBG fund has only \$437,413. As a matter of fact, all Community Development accounts show a total of \$2.3 million. In addition last week, the administration announced the \$400,000 Rental Assistance Program which he assumes it is tagged to the \$2.3 million stated above. Please explain your account financial strategy on this Bill 22.

Response from Mr. Lightner and Mr. Quigney: CDBG does not

insufficient revenue. The funds are not held in a city revenue account, the funds are held in a HUD account, and the funds are withdrawn on a reimbursable expenditure basis. I'm not sure where he is getting the \$437,413 figure; our revenue status does not indicate a shortage. Also, in response to the Rental Assistance Program, I took money from 2019 home funds dollars. These funds were not tied to the \$2.3 million, and the CARES-ACT rules allowed for us to use old money for COVID relief.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15610

The Administration has placed Bills 27 through 30 on the agenda with the ask that they be voted on and go into effect immediately after final passage. Each bill contains the appropriate language for this to happen: That pursuant to SECTION 218 of the City's Home Rule Charter and upon the affirmative vote of six of its seven members to reduce or eliminate the fourteen-day period between introduction and passage of any ordinance, this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon enactment.

[15-3591](#)

Bill 27

An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Allentown authorizing a temporary transfer from the Revolving Loan Fund, in the amount of Four Hundred Five Thousand Seven Hundred Four (\$405,704) Dollars to the CDBG fund to temporarily assist with the Small Business Stabilization Program until C.A.R.E.S Act funds arrive.

Attachments: [Bill 27 Revolving Loan Fund Transfer to CDBG](#)

[2020 Revolving Loan Fund memo](#)

[Answer for Council CDBG-CV](#)

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that in reference to what they are asking for. The city has a revolving loan fund that was originally set to use to go towards housing revitalization. With this \$405,000 they are requesting, they wanted to make sure they created a program to help the small businesses that are struggling right now. In order to meet the need, the Community and Economic Development Department knows that they are approved for the CARES Act Fund, but it did not hit the account yet. As they stated, the HUD funds are always reimbursable. They are asking to use the \$400,000 in the revolving loan fund account. It is not touching the General Fund. As soon as they send the money out to the small businesses, it is reimbursable.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions from his colleagues.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked Mr. Lightner where did he come up with the

amount. How many businesses are you expecting to help.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that there is a sliding scale. They want to help 100 plus businesses. Out of the applications received 255, they have approved 67. Out of the 67, the total going to equate to \$267,000. The other applications are pending, waiting for more information or have been denied based on issues they may have had. The goal is to reach 100 businesses. They set aside \$400,000 because they know they have that in the Revolving Loan Fund.

Ms. Candida Affa asked what are the plans. How do you decide who gets this money? Was it on a first come, first served basis. Some people don't have computers and some people didn't know about it. The businesses that have been here in the Lehigh Valley the longest who are struggling like beauty salons. First come, first served doesn't seem fair way to distribute this money. There were no qualifications for the amount of years that you were in business in the city of Allentown.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that what happened, is when people heard the first come, first served basis they did not read through or understand everything. When the Small Business Administration rolled out the funds, they were inundated. there were so many applications that they had to shutdown their website. When we said first come, first served basis, they meant that they still have an approval process. There are guidelines that they have to follow. That was also published on the website. They did not look at the time or length that they owned their business. The main qualification was were you affected by the COVID. With the second round, if that is a concern she has, he can add that into the qualifications on the number of years you owned your business here in the city. He stated that they will put that in as part of the consideration. In reference to not everyone has access to computers. They sat on that for quite some time. They debated on how to address that issue. The best they could do and not hold up the program, he did have a couple staff members and Human Relations Officer, Tatiana Tooley was on the phone taking hand applications for personnel that did not have access to computers. They also contacted organizations that are still operational to find out if they would allow people access their computers or come in or utilize people that are there. Staples was gracious enough to have people send their application over via fax, scanning information to email and do their applications there as well. They used whatever resources they could to accommodate that.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that makes sense.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated that he appreciates Ms. Affa's comment. They are great moving forward, but they are in a scrabble mode trying to get as much done as a quicker period of time in order to help people.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she is glad that the department took the time and worked so hard on this. A lot of people in the community is hurting. This has affected so many people in this city. The reality is there are people in great need and do not have access to computers.

Ms. Candida Affa asked Mr. McMahon to repeat.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated that everyone that is working for the city are working a lot of hours and they are doing under circumstances that they have never done. Leonard's group as well as others are scrambling to get as much help out to the community. He stated that Mike Moore and Karen Lore were taking phone calls and putting a great effort an trying to help as many as they could.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Lightner on acting on it quickly and trying to find resources to support some of the businesses and tenants that were helped with the rental support. He would love to have every situation be taken care of. He asked for them to be careful. Just because someone has been around for a long time, doesn't mean that they are following all the rules. There were a couple of people that sent their application in the mailbox outside of city hall. As of today, at 3:00 PM he got a call for rental support. For the small businesses, he also like to see if the city can help more people through the CARES Act.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15611

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he did get a question on the last Bill, but it came in after the discussion. He sent a copy of this question to Mr. Lightner. It is from Julian Kern and was answered after the meeting.

Hi, We were told that renter's who live in rooming houses and

applied for the rental assistance program we're denied so I was wondering why renters who rent rooms in rooming houses were not included in the rental assistance program?

Julian Kern
Allentown Tenant Association

Answer from Leonard Lightner

Julian, Thank you for the question. As of today, we have not notified anyone of denial, and I confirmed with my team they have not talked with anyone about rooming houses. Nonetheless, as long as the rooming house is registered and current on its rental registration, the individuals in the rooming house are eligible. If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Regards,

Enactment No: 15611

[15-3575](#)

Bill 28

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Seven (\$747,267) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness and Response for COVID-19 prevention, mitigation, response and recovery activities in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 28 COVID-19 Grant](#)

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that he will let Vicky talk about what is going on with Bill 28, Bill 29, and Bill 30.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that in this amount of amount, they were given specific criterion of outcomes that they need to have as a result of receiving this money. The way the money is allocated is almost a worse case scenario meaning that it is their hope that some of these things will be able to be accomplished in a far more cost effective manner and the remainder of that money will be applied to offset existing salaries. For example, some of the deliverable they have to have an After Action Report that contributes money to a vendor that is chosen by the state to do lessons learned and that a particular sum of money be allocated and held for that After Action Report. Knowing that all the Health Departments in the state will be doing this After Action Report in tandem, it is their hope that it will come in under the budget, but they have to initially budget where it belongs. You will see that some of the money that is actually being allocated, they are allocating around \$500,000+

because there is a note in the information Council has that they are making an assumption that some of this money is already on the budget lines in the salary lines that will be shifted to be paid out of this money. She stated that she hopes that the end of this even more money will be left on the lines unspent so that it can be applied to offset salaries and benefits.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Kistler and asked if there were any questions from his colleagues.

Mr. Ed Zucal commended Ms. Kistler for the job she has done so far. This has been a task that has not been easily completed, and you have risen to the task. He stated that he doesn't think this money is anything out of the ordinary for the fight against this pandemic.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15612

[15-3577](#)

Bill 29

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-One Thousand Three Hundred Six (\$21,306) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, to support the Safe and Healthy Community Program including promotion and marketing for nutrition and physical activity and purchase of car seats for Allentown residents.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 29 Safe and Healthy Community Grant](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, comments, or concerns on Bill 29 from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15613

[15-3592](#)

Bill 30

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) Dollars from the CDC Foundation to enhance partnerships between public health and public safety to support the initiatives to combat the opioid epidemic.

Attachments: [Bill 30 CDC OPIOID GRANT](#)
[Ordinance #15614](#)

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that it is a little confusing. The city was promised money from the Drug Monitoring Component of the Pennsylvania State Department of Health. That money was put into the budget already on the line and was extremely delayed. In fact, the contract just arrived and much of the money that is already budgeted they are requesting carryovers for. In the meantime, the CDC Foundation, Mr. Bloomberg donated money to augment the CDC found out what they were doing and the fact that they wanted to create a death review team to be able to look at opioid deaths in the city which they had discussed at previous Council meetings. The CDC Foundation looked at the proposal and wanted to augment that effort by allowing offset more salary infringe to work on this initiative, but also bring onboard a subcontractor that would have expertise in that area and would be able to assist with the extraction of data outside the normal data that they would receive in the Health Department. At next week's meeting, they will be bringing a contract to Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that while he was on the Police Department, they had a similar team for Child Death Review team and it was very effective to look at those cases.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that it is model after that. It is called a fast model. That is why it will be a Resolution that will come before Council to create that team. It is very similar to the Resolution passed 30 years ago to create the Child Death Team.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, comments, or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15614

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3538](#)

R45

Approves the submission of the Five Year Consolidated Plan for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R45 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN](#)
[Con Plan Complete Draft V3](#)

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that this is just a formality. It is for the Five Year Plan.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, comments, or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 29971

Questions/Inquiry:

What is the criterion for distributing CARE funds?

The COVID pandemic deals with spread due to distancing, lack of proper items like masks, contact tracing, making sure people are getting tested that need it, etc. How do you get from this context to the distribution of funds laid out in your package. Who decided on this outcome and how was it determined? Was there any mindful needs assessment for the needs of the entire community?

Resolution 52: COVID CARE:

Councilperson Gerlach and Hendricks made this inquiry:

- Requested more detail on Resolution
- What is the criterion for distribution of funds?
- Who determined who would receive funding? How was the decision made?
- What other options exist for the spending?
- How will the reimbursement take place?
- What guarantees exist that there the funding stream is secured?
- What is the spending exactly for?
- What is the nature of the borrowing – terms, length

What are the specifics for the funding. What is the lease for the Homeless shelter? What are miscellaneous expenses for the City and the shelter?

If the school district just got some 9.5m or so funding, why are we funding the school?

What specific expenses can cover city costs given the more bleak financial outlook we face.

Ms. Mota inquired about the business loans - how is that working? She noted the round of first come first serve was not fair to people that didn't have access to computers or people that did not have information about it. Suggested the process should be reviewed and she would like to see criterion for getting the grant - consideration should be given for businesses that have a long history.

[15-3599](#)

CDBG Covid Answers

Attachments: [Answer for Council CDBG-CV](#)

Q: The cleaning of the hotel breakdown is as follow:

The CDC recommends usage of a disinfectant with the EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens Interim Recommendations for US Community Facilities with Suspected/Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>

Based on the above clean-up procedures, for a standard size hotel room (approx.. 350sqft) at 3712 Hamilton Blvd, Allentown, PA, we have set

project pricing amounts of:

Suspected or Confirmed - Fogging and detail clean and disinfect \$475.00 + PA tax
Includes carpet cleaning Suspected or Confirmed - Fogging and detail clean and disinfect \$375.00 + PA tax

There are only a few companies that clean according the CDC standards.

Three companies were contacted and this was the only company available and cost effective to meet our request.

Resolution 52: COVID CARE: Councilperson Gerlach and Hendricks made this inquiry: - Requested more detail on Resolution -

Q: What is the criterion for distribution of funds? -

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/disease/>

A: We access the CDBG-CV funds, and the ESG-CV funds must be included a substantial amendment to your 2019 Action Plan. We must identify the proposed use of all funds and how the funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. HUD will review and a grant agreement will be issued for the funds.

For a substantial amendment to your FY2019 Action Plan:

- Provide at least 5-day citizen comment period
- Amend Citizen Participation Plan at same time
- Submit SF-424, SF-424D, and signed certifications (uploaded in the Administration screen in IDIS)

All CDBG-CV activities must prepare, prevent, or respond to COVID-19.

Unless where specific differences are noted, the CDBG-CV programmatic requirements mirror those of CDBG. At this point the same activities eligible under CDBG are eligible under CDBG-CV. All CDBG-CV activities must meet a national objective.

Q: Who determined who would receive funding?

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/disease/>

A: **All CDBG-CV activities must prepare, prevent, or respond to COVID-19.**

Unless where specific differences are noted, the **CDBG-CV programmatic requirements mirror those of**

CDBG. At this point the same activities eligible under CDBG are eligible under CDBG-CV. All CDBG-CV activities must meet a national objective.

Q: How was the decision made? -

A: Due to the timing of the funds there was no need to do an application process. The entire application process normally takes two months from start to finish. Many of the organization are not in operations currently due to COVID-19. The organization that the money has been allocated to, were called, and asked for a breakdown of the current needs of their operations related to COVID-CV. As describe in the previous questions the COVID-CV funds must continually meet the HUD guidelines.

Q: What other options exist for the spending? -

A: Many options could exist if the options fall within the HUD CDBG

requirements as outlined in the rules and regulations:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/>

Q: How will the reimbursement take place? -

A: When documenting actual costs, the grantee/award recipient must submit a detailed, comprehensive, itemized accounting of actual costs listing expenses for each distinct and qualified expense for the grant period to date under the grant. At a minimum, the accounting must include the following (if applicable): salaries, fringe and other benefits, training, marketing, outreach, and indirect costs related to COVID-19. The accounting must itemize the expenditure of each dollar being billed to the grant. The itemized accounting of actual expenses may be submitted on form HUD-424 CB, or in a format of the grantee's choosing if the form HUD-424 CB does not provide enough detail. Any deviation between the itemized accounting of actual costs and the budget submitted at the time of grant execution must be explained in detail and approved.

Q: What guarantees exist that there the funding stream is secured? -

A: The award letter we received from HUD

Q: What is the spending exactly for? -

A: CARES Act CDBG Funds are used to Support Coronavirus Response. The CDBG funding for public services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, as well as other flexibilities. Please note that these new provisions still must meet CDBG requirements: funding from the CARES Act but many of the new provisions are also applicable to FY2019 and FY2020 CDBG funding. This broad applicability provides grantees with flexibility to help address their COVID-CV challenges.

Q: What is the nature of the borrowing - terms, length

A: Not sure of this question. The city is not borrowing funds, nor are we loaning the funds to grantee's all funds will be awarded as grants.

[15-3576](#)

R52

Approves the Submission of the Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development - COVID Cares Amendment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R52 CDBG COVID-19 CARES ACTION PLAN](#)

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated this is the Action Plan. This is the CARES money. It is the \$2.3 million for the CARES funding. They are utilizing based off of HUD requirements. It still has to meet the HUD, ESG and Hope guidelines.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it says it is no impact on the General

Fund. He asked if they received the money, but has to use the Revolving Loan Fund.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that it is required that the city has to amend the Action Plan for 2019. They are increasing that amount to the \$2 million. It still has to be reimbursed. Some of the funds providing the organizations still have to follow those requirements. It is still a reimbursable.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked about the cleaning of the hotel breakdown. There was a specific amount set aside for the homeless. How did we come to that amount? Do we have numbers that we can associate to that \$200,000 plus. Are there a number of cases thus far? If we don't use all of the money, where does the money go. He asked about the \$50,000 for some Legal assistance. He asked if the city can use its own legal department.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that we have contract agreement for the cleaning, transportation, the hotel itself, the laundry and the food. He stated that what they utilized for personnel that had to be quarantined for testing and for those that tested positive. We have a total of 10. He stated that it is not just the personnel that they are covering. They don't know how long this is going to go on. They did an estimate at the beginning. They called over 40 different hotels to come to an agreement with a hotel. They came together with Lehigh County, Northampton County, Bethlehem and finally got this hotel. This hotel wants to cancel that agreement as well. Now, they have to find another hotel. Many of the hotels that they started with that partially wanted to agree wanted \$125 - \$150 a night. That is how they came up with the estimate to try to house as many as they can as long as they can and also cover the cleaning, any incidentals. He stated that they can re-appropriate the funds back to the fund itself and see if they can re-appropriate through other organizations. He stated that will go to North Penn Legal Services. It is an organization that the city has been funding for awhile for a rental assistance and people faced with evictions. He stated that the city cannot use its legal department. He stated that it falls under the Fair Housing Act.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that Leonard explained it well. He stated that the Solicitor's office represents the city. These are individual clients with the respect to individual needs. We can't get involved in that.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if the housing is for homeless that is that

are positive.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that the hotel is for any individual that lives in Allentown or Allentown resident and they went to get tested and has to be quarantined waiting for the test results or tested positive.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated it is also for individuals in communal housing. If you are a member of a group home or a homeless shelter and you test positive, you can't go back there until you complete your time in that hotel.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, comments, or concerns from his colleagues or the public. He stated that he guesses he is hearing that this contract has been voided.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that they still have the hotel contract until Monday, the 18th.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that these tenants had to have lived in Allentown. Somebody from another place, county or municipalities won't have access to this program.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated correct.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked about the contract. It is good until the 18th of May. She stated that there was a hotel/motel that could be a backup. She asked of the 10 people currently in the hotel, how many meet either the HUD guidelines or McKinney-Veto guidelines for being homeless.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that they are in discussions with another facility. He stated that when they received the calls from the hospital in reference to the individual clients, the case worker when they touch base with us they meet the requirements.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, comments, or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 29972

KIOSKS ENCROACHMENT:

Ms Gerlach:

Mr. Morgan replied in regard to her question about meters in residential zones: if there are meters today in the residential permit zone they will be replaced by pay stations.

Ms. Gerlach also raised the question of whether there should a systematic study of parking within the context of the needs of the community.

Mr. Patrick Palmer forwarded a comment during the meeting:

I'm not sure if I'm sending my comment to the right place. If this can be read out loud then by all means please do so. I agree with Ms. Gerlach if it even costs us a dime to replace the meters then we need to look into why they're there first. Why replace something you may remove later? That's a waste of money and time. If this a rush need to be done now issue?

[15-3555](#)

R53

Authorizes numerous encroachments for meter kiosks at various locations on Hamilton, Walnut, Linden, N. 6th, N. 4th, S. 5th, N. 9th, S. 9th, N. 10th, S. 10th, N. 11th, S. 11th, N. 12th, S. 12th

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R53 APA Meter Kiosks](#)
[Encroachment Application kiosks dated 3-16-20](#)
[pages 1 through 20 kiosk locations](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he believes John Morgan is on the line.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that he is on the line for the Resolution.

Mr. Richard Young stated that he is on the line to.

Mr. Craig Messinger state that this is for the meters to be taken out and to place the kiosk just like they are on Hamilton Street throughout the area where there are meters. The only reason they are bringing it to Council at this point in time is that he only has the authorization to go 1/3 into the right-away. He has no issues with the location. The construction manager went out and pinpointed each location of where these kiosks will be placed. Number 7 and 8, they are saying they do not want them installed. They have traffic improvements in that area.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if that is understood that is agreeable for the two you mentioned. Is it agreeable to the Parking Authority.

Mr. Richard Young stated that is agreeable to the Parking Authority.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Mr. Young was an Engineer and a previous employee for the City of Allentown and now is an employee by the Parking Authority as a Consultant.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he was the Director of Public Works also. He stated that he is a good man and very professional.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he did not know that Mr. Young was back here. He stated nice to here from you Mr. Young.

Mr. Richard Young stated that he is watching it online too and not just listening to it on the phone. It is good to see you all.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, comments and concerns.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that her questions and concerns aren't necessarily about converted from meters to kiosks. The kiosks seem to be working fine. Since these kiosks are going to be replacing meters. Why there are meters in some locations and not others. When you drive on Linden Street you see meters, meters, meters. Then when you get to the ten hundred block of Linden Street no meters, then you skip to the eleven hundred block meters. It would be helpful to understand why some blocks have meters and why others don't. She stated that she used to live on the 900 block of W. Walnut and she came to Council and there were some issues of available of residential parking permits. Later, The Morning Call published an article that stated that the 900 Walnut was one of the top five areas in which tickets were received for metered parking. It is primarily residential. She asked how it has been determined where there is meters, where there is not meters. Is there a threshold and should it be one business or two businesses. How many homes have to be on the block?

Mr. Richard Young stated that he only has been with the Parking Authority since mid-February. How the original meters were determined pre-dates him. They were there when he was with the city as the Public Works Director.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that his understanding is that it has to be businesses. For the ten hundred block of Linden Street there are no businesses cemetery and parking garage.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that is the 900 block. She stated that the

ten hundred block of Linden used to be CADA. She stated that it would be helpful to see it in writing where the policy is and the standards are.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if he can find that information out for her at another time.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that if they are going to take time, money and energy or the Parking Authority is and tear down meters and replace them with another form of paid parking. There is no clear understanding as to why some blocks have paid parking versus other ones that don't.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he doesn't believe that Craig can answer that question either.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated no. That is directly with the Parking Authority and where they want to put them.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the city was going through this before when they changed the meter rate and he asked the question to the previous Executive Director to the Parking Authority and she said it was due to the amount of businesses that were on the block.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that Tamara did an extensive study for the reasons. This is just to vote on these particular streets tonight. She stated that Ce Ce's discussion is for another time. She stated that she and Daryl would get a lot more information for Ce Ce.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she appreciates Candida's comments, but disagree. She stated that she will be voting no on this because she sees a clear overlap of either way a block remains. A paid block versus unpaid which could affect someone's ability to obtain a residential parking permit. This block will continue to be paid and paid through a kiosk.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it still will be paid and this will not change anything. There are already meters there. All we are doing is replacing them with a different form of payment.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that before we take a step of replacing them, we need to determine why they are there in the first place.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if it possible to table just this Resolution to the next meeting.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this is not something that is going to happen next week anyway. It won't do them any good. They won't get all the information that Ms. Gerlach wants. This is just meters that are there that will be taken out and a kiosk put in.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that the only reason why he is suggesting is that her argument is should it be there at all to start with. If they are then it is a legitimate and proper to replace with a kiosk. However, if there is no concrete evidence of why it was put there in the first place, why are we keeping them there or replacing them.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that they have been there for years. It would take an act of Council to change a lot of this.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated which might be part of the problem that they have been there for years.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated to Mr. Zucal stated that it would take a motion to table with a second and there will be no discussion on the motion to table. He stated that Mr. Zucal's question was could it be tabled, it could if Council chooses to do that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if this provides as issues on placement of these or the timing if Council postpones.

Mr. Richard Young stated that he doesn't think so. He stated that they don't have the kiosk in place ready yet. With the COVID he doesn't know what the schedule will be. A delay will not hurt.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that rather than a motion to table, a motion to delay consideration until next week.

A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Cynthia Mota, that this Resolution be Delayed.

The motion carried to Delay by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

[15-3584](#)

R54

Sewage Planning Module for The Waterfront Phase II at Waterfront Drive

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R54 Waterfront Phase II - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[Waterfront Phase II - Sewer Planning Module](#)

Ms. Erinn Keller, 1934 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown City Council.

In reviewing the documents for the vote on the R54 Sewage Planning Module for The Waterfront Phase II at Waterfront Drive; Sponsors: Administration;

R54 Waterfront Phase II - Sewage Planning Module; Waterfront Phase II - Sewer Planning Module, kindly be advised that the information submitted to Council to vote on this bill is dated and precludes a vote until the documentation is updated and additional information included. Kindly note the attached letter included in the application from the Commonwealth of PA, PA Game Commission. It is dated September 27, 2017 and notes in its text that it is valid for two (2) years from the date of the letter.

It states, "Should the proposed work continue beyond the period covered by this letter, please resubmit the project to this agency as an "Update" (including an updated PNDI receipt, project narrative and accurate map). If the proposed work has not changed and no additional information concerning listed species is found, the project will be cleared for PNDI requirements for two additional years."

Kindly provide proof of a submitted "Update" to the PA Game Commission with clearance of PNDI requirements for two additional years or obtain the same before voting on this bill.

Thank you in advance for ascertaining that all of the legal requirements for this application have been met before your vote.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Ms. Keller is pointing to a correct fact in the application.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and stated that he is not sure if it was read at that time or after Council had a chance to weight in. In any case, it has been read and meets all the requirements.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that PNDI is an Environmental Study that needs to be done when larger developments such as the Waterfront, there are required for Deed Permits such as Outfalls, Stormwater, MPDES Permits, Stream Bank Restoration, all different stormwater and earth moving activity for the site. The stormwater work and piping are all completed and ready. They have the MPDES Permit. They have the restoration for the stream bank. They have done all that work for the requirements. However, in light of if they did not have that document updated, there could be a

minor question as to whether or not they should have had that. Quite honestly, he has no problem holding off on this and making them get the required update for us or at least letter from them saying that they don't need the update coming from them. If he would have known about this or read the question a little bit sooner, they could have probably went online a got it for tonight. Just to make sure, they should probably hold off until next Wednesday.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated to Mr. Hanlon that is not the answer you have.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that they just got this question today and he sent it to Mr. Messinger.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that he got in around 4:00 PM.

A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Joshua Siegel, that this Resolution be Delayed.

The motion carried to Delay by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

[15-3585](#)

R55

Sewage Planning Module for 1110 North Sherman Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R55 1110 North Sherman Street - Sewage Planning Module](#)
[1110 Sherman Street - Sewer Planning Module](#)

Mr. Craig Messinger PNDI required for this one. It is for 579 gallons. This is on the list of projects that Public Works planned on and the city has the capacity for it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 29973

[15-3593](#)

R56

Supports the Allentown Health Bureau plan to lead an opioid fatality review panel and process for reviewing opioid related deaths with the goal of preventing future addictions and loss of life as a result of overdoses.

Sponsors: Administration, Affa, Guridy, Hendricks and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [R56 Opioid Task Force](#)
[Resolution #29974](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it was explained earlier by Ms. Kistler. He asked if there were any further comments on this. He stated that it is extremely well thought of and having experience with the prior one for child sex review is very appropriate and can be very helpful in reviewing these. He asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 29974

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

[15-3554](#)

Bill 31

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget by transferring Thirty-Eight Thousand (\$38,000) Dollars from Capital Project 2024 – 15th Street Traffic Signal Improvement Project to Capital Project 1225 – Traffic Signal Upgrade Various - to fund the completion of the intersection upgrades at Emaus Avenue and Church Street, the original budgeted amount was insufficient. The completion of this intersection upgrade will provide a safer crossing at South Mountain Middle School.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 31 Traffic Signal Upgrade Transfer](#)

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

[15-3583](#)

R57

Creating opportunities for residents to obtain information and comment on agenda items prior to meetings

Sponsors: Guridy, Hendricks, Gerlach, Mota and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [R57 Council Rules Amd](#)

REFERRED TO RULES, CHAMBERS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this piggybacks on the extension of the two weeks for no tickets for Street Sweeping. He asked Mr. Young because he got a

lot of phone calls and Facebook posts, asking since the extension is going to June 4th if this nice allowance can be extended to June 4.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it is something that they can look into.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it is up to May 26 currently, but some people are asking.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated it is May 26, but if you have to stay at home, June 4. He stated that they will talk about that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it is a possibility that it loosens things up in the state. We don't know that yet.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated not until June 4.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she has been getting a lot of phone calls regarding that. Maybe a week prior to June 4. People are hurting. It is either paying the ticket or buying food.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they will look into that.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that in reality, it is really only one more week.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any more comments.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked the administration and the members of the city who are working and those that are not working for work to keep our residents safe as much as possible and providing the services, including the financial resources for some people that are hurting. He stated that he gets a lot of calls and Facebook messages from people who really need our support at this time. During times like this when we see leadership. We are the leaders of the city and doing things, answering questions, talking to people and giving them some information and taking into account how much they are suffering. Doing things like Rental Assistance, Funding for Small Businesses and issues on parking.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks offered his gratitude to the administration and most especially Mayor O'Connell and Joe McMahon for allowing himself to be extensively involved in the recent very difficult discussions and what they can do going forward in dealing with the city's finances. It is not an easy time, and he appreciates and don't believe that previous Councils were able to have the type input that they have been allowed to through Mr. Hanlon and report to his colleagues.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that the Managing Director, Joe McMahon has been unbelievable. Seventy to eighty hours a week. He stated that he gets emails at 1:45 or 2:30 AM. Joe has taken the true leadership of Managing Director and involved everyone. He is on meeting after meeting. Webinar after webinar. He gave kudos to Joe. He thanked Council and stated that they have been very cooperative with suggestions and comments. We will get through this and get money from the federal government. It is going to help ease the pain because it is going to be pain for years.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that the whole administration, and all the people that are involved in this. She stated that she is at home and can't attend the meetings. She stated that she does what she can on the phone, but she has to congratulate and so proud of the Council President Daryl Hendricks along with Mr. McMahon and the mayor and so many people. He let us know what is going on. She thanked Mike Hanlon and Daryl Hendricks.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he is glad that Ms. Affa mentioned Mike Hanlon.

Mr. Joseph McMahon thanked Daryl Hendricks for his help, leadership and cooperation and Mike as well in helping to inform all of Council. He thanked Council for their cooperation. We never in our lifetime seen anything like this. He thanked the staff, the directors and bureau managers. Our goal is to take care of the people of Allentown.

ADJOURNED: 8:18 PM

[15-3589](#) E Comments

Attachments: [May 6 Questions/Comments](#)