



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, April 27, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Council Meeting

Roll Call: Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota and Ed Zucal participated remotely through Microsoft Teams

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

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3547](#)

Bill 23

Amending Part III, Business Regulation and Taxation, Title Three - Fees, Article 333, Business Privilege Tax, Subsection B. Tax Year Change, to provide tax relief to Allentown taxpayers in the calendar year 2020 by extending the deadline to file and pay 2019 Business Privilege Taxes in full thereof without interest and penalty from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020.

Sponsors: Administration, Affa, Hendricks, Gerlach, Guridy, Mota, Mr. Siegel and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 23 Filing Extension for 2019 Business Privilege Taxes](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated it is the right thing to do.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she agrees.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she is glad that this is happening because the reality is that the majority of community is unemployed. This will help tremendously.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he does not believe that there were any comments or concerns by the public.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that is correct.

Mr. Ed Zucal voted yes, but due to a technical issue he could not be heard.

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

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Bill 24

Amending Part III, Annual Taxes, Title Five – Annual Taxes, Article 353, Property Tax by revising Section 353.01 Collection Dates and Payments to extend the discount rate from April 5 to August 31, 2020 and to extend the deadline for collecting the full property tax without any late fee or penalty until December 31, 2020.

Sponsors: Administration, Affa, Gerlach, Guridy, Hendricks, Mota, Mr. Siegel and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 24 - Extension Real Estate Tax Deadline](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and opened it up to his colleagues on any questions, comments or concerns.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if this is something that came from the state or is it something that we are doing ourselves in the city. He asked about the model.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it came from Bill 841.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it was authorized by the state.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if it came by the state, why do we have to vote.

Mr. Joseph McMahon because they gave you the options of voting.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if this is just a model and not required by the state.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that the General Assembly gave the option for local municipalities to adopt this, but local municipalities don't have to. They enacted a Senate Bill 841 and it has a number of components to it. One in particular was this particular tax matter. It is up to Council to move forward with it if they chose to do so. Council has chosen to have it before them tonight.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if Bill 841 is a state bill.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that Bill 841 was a state bill which authorized municipalities to extend the time frames because it is a statutory set time frame by the General Assembly. This allowed the municipalities to extend the time frame, if the municipalities wanted to do that. Only for this year.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he just wanted to comment that the administration is doing a good thing. He commended the administration for looking into that and supporting the community in times like this.

Mayor Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Guridy.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Guridy and Mr. Kloiber. He asked if there were anymore comments, concerns or questions.

Mayor Ray O'Connell thanked City Council for their support of Bills 23 and 24. This should provide some tax relief for the taxpayers of the City of Allentown for the year 2020.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked the Mayor and the administration and stated that it is the right thing to do. He thanked his colleagues for following through on this.

Mayor Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Kloiber.

Mr. Joseph McMahon thanked Council for getting together on a short notice.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked them all and stated that hopefully they will be meeting next week on the 6th.

Mr. Ed Zucal voted yes, but due to a technical issue he could not be heard.

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

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ADJOURNED: 6:37 PM